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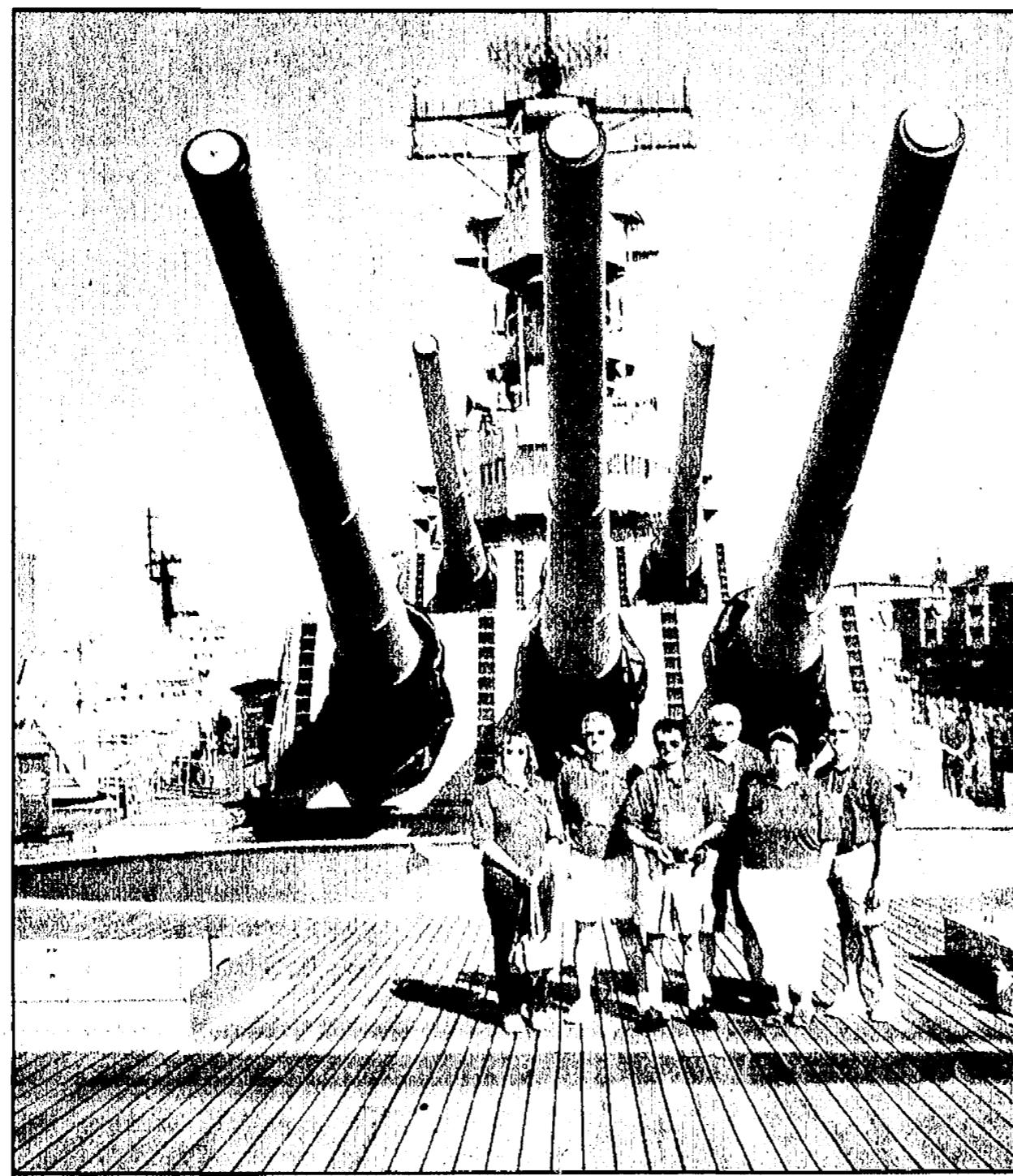
Five local business leaders joined other Michigan business representatives on July 13 to participate in the Michigan Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves (ESGR) Bosslift to Norfolk Naval Station, VA.

Representatives from Grayling were: Tim Zigila, Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, Director; Pattie Walker, Director of Emergency Services at Mercy Hospital; Keith Miles, owner of Fay's Motel; Kirk Wakefield, Crawford County Sheriff; and Linda Golnick, General Manager of the Crawford County Avalanche. The Grayling representatives were accompanied by retired Camp Grayling Commander, Gary McConnell a member of the Northern Michigan ESGR committee.

The ESGR committee arranged for three full days of educational opportunities to give employers, "Bosses", an opportunity to observe firsthand the type and quality of military training that the National Guard and Reservists receive at military installations.

The Grayling representatives were flown from Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mount Clemens, on July 14 on an Air Force Reserve KC-135 "Stratotanker," flown by members of the 927th Air Refueling Continued on Page 8A

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Grayling representatives for Employers Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) "Bosslift" visited Norfolk, Virginia in July. During their three days of military tours they were able to visit the battleship USS Wisconsin (BB-64). Standing in front of the 16" gun turret are (L to R) Linda Golnick, Gary McConnell, Keith Miles, Kirk Wakefield, Pattie Walker and Tim Zigila.

Election results for August 3 primary

Unofficial election results for the August 3 primary have been tallied and released.

The election included two county-wide ballot proposals, one to fund the county's library system for eight years through a 0.45 millage and one to pay for E911 service for four years through a telephone surcharge. The library millage proposal passed by a vote of 1,577-1,157. The E911 proposal passed by a vote of 2,063-692.

The unofficial numbers for the various contested races - including proposals - in Crawford County and its six townships include (winners are highlighted in bold type):

Crawford County - Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney: all uncontested; Commissioners - District 1: Deborah Hadley (R) 16, Jerry W. Hayes (R) 60, **Kathy Rogers (R) 94**; District 2 and 3: uncontested; District 4: Pete Koceas (R) 130, **Mike Lange (R) 229**; District 5: uncontested; District 6 and 7: uncontested at primary level;

Road Commission - Norman F. Parker (R) 692; **Ken Riehle (R) 843**;

Beaver Creek Township - Supervisor: Lee Riley (R) 149, Kathleen Mobarak (R) 148, Thomas Conforti (R) 19; Clerk and Treasurer: uncontested; Trustee: **Bernice M. McGillis (D) 73**, Trustee: Linda Little (R) 171, **Gary Summers (R) 183**, Deanne J. Whiteside (R) 115;

Frederic Township - Supervisor: uncontested at primary level; Clerk and Treasurer: uncontested; Trustee: uncontested at primary level; Proposal 1 (for fire department) **162 yes, 82 no**; Proposal 2 (operating millage restoration) **133 yes, 119 no**.

Note: See next week's Avalanche for complete August 3 primary election results.

Court, county issues spread across state

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners asked Controller Paul Compo to draft a letter to the other 82 counties in the state explaining the position of Crawford County in the 46th Circuit Trial Court funding dispute, which began in 2000. They also asked him to include a copy of the complaint with the filing date to inform the counties that the Court started the court action.

This will not be the first letter sent to the other counties discussing the dispute which deals with the funding of health care and retirement benefits for Court employees and judges.

According to Otsego County Board of Commissioners Chair Lee Olsen in his June 22 letter to "all Michigan Counties" Otsego, Crawford and Kalkaska counties approved, via-Board adopted resolution of changes to court employees' benefits in exchange for concessions from court employees. Olsen added that Kalkaska County joined Otsego County honoring the resolutions, but one year later, Crawford County persuaded Kalkaska to

change their position resulting in a breach of contract by both counties. Among other results, Olsen said, this caused Otsego County, as the control unit, to pay shared court expenses which were the constitutional responsibility of Crawford and Kalkaska counties.

Olsen's letter also states that Otsego County and the 46th Circuit Trial Court have been defending themselves against litigation filed by Crawford and Kalkaska counties.

On July 16, Bonnie Toskey, one of the lawyers representing Crawford and Kalkaska Counties in the lawsuit with the Court, sent a letter to the Board of Directors of the Michigan Association of Counties as well as to representatives of both Crawford and Kalkaska Counties refuting each one of Olsen's points.

According to Toskey's July 16 letter, the litigation was filed by the Chief Judge of the 46th Circuit Trial Court when the counties refused to fund "(1) the MERS B-4 retirement plan with full prior service credit back to

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CAMP 911



Mobile Medical Response's annual Camp 911 - held on July 8 and 9 this year - had 36 children in attendance. This year's event included speakers from Crawford County Sheriff's Department, 911 Central Dispatch, Department of Natural Resources, Grayling City/Township Fire Department (with their "smoke house"), and State Police K-9 Unit. "We also had a tour of Grayling Mercy's Emergency Department and Radiology Department, and Covenant Hospital sent one of their helicopters for the children to see. The children also learned CPR, First Aid, had a tour of (MMR) facilities and ambulances, and did some back boarding exercises with one another," event organizers said.

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Red Hats gather for ice cream social

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

There was an extra splash of color on Michigan Avenue last Saturday when the Red Hat Ladies, a women's club recognizable by their red hats and purple dresses, got together to enjoy an ice cream social sponsored by the Grayling Uptown District Association.

"It's just a real nice gathering," said Evie Kent, a local Red Hatter. After registration, patrons were seated and served ice cream. They also enjoyed live musical performances from a barbershop quartet and the Old Faithful Mountain Gospel String Band. Afterwards, they shopped downtown Grayling, where several businesses were offering discounts for club members.

"We wanted to make them feel welcome," said Kathy Miner, joint proprietor of the House of Jerky. In addition to the other activities, Fannie Finn's Photography was taking group photos to permanently capture the excitement of the day.

"I like to see people getting out like this and having a good time in Grayling," said Bill Anderson, who served ice cream at the event. Many Red Hat Ladies were delighted to see that their afternoon treat was being served by formally dressed gentlemen who were prepared to answer their every beck and call. Anderson, like some of the other men who worked the event, was not volunteering due to any association with the event's sponsors. Rather, he was called upon by a higher authority.

"I was kind of recruited," said Anderson, whose wife asked him to help with the ice cream social. Anderson agreed that these women deserved the day off to relax and enjoy themselves. For the Red Hat Ladies, it was about



Two red hats enjoy a free hand massage on Michigan Avenue. This is one of the many activities at the event that allowed the women to have a good time.



Men scoop ice cream for the Red Hat Ladies. "We like being waited on by the men. That was very nice," said Evie Kent, a Grayling red hat.

more than just ice cream or the activities.

"Just to get together and see all the Red Hat Ladies" is why Pat Tundo, from the Roscommon

Ritzy Reds, was excited to be there. Red Hat clubs from Crawford County, Roscommon and Kalkaska all attended, allowing ladies to socialize and

meet new people.

"It's been a great afternoon and the city's done a very nice job," said Red Hat Lady Sandy Goodale.

Forest management shifts toward ecosystems

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Logging is a big business in Crawford County and much of it is done on state and federal forest land. The DNR is shifting away from managing for a single species such as deer, turkey, or grouse and more toward managing for the entire ecosystem. However, they are somewhat constrained by federal regulations regarding the Kirtland's

warbler.

Each year members of the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) walk through the forests of northern Michigan evaluating their progress and making an initial assessment for their future.

The department has a ten year plan and approximately one-tenth of the state forest in northern Michigan is inventoried each year.

During their yearly assessment, each forester covers approximately 5,000 to 7,500 acres. With the use of maps generated from aerial photographs, they walk the land mapping the types of trees, their ages and health, look at the undergrowth, check previous cuts to see how they are regenerating and check the current use of the land. The

maps are coded with the management intent for that area and recommendations for changes are made at this time.

Each parcel, or compartment as it is called by the DNR, is evaluated based on the management goals (whether military use, the Mason Tract, recreational use, or multiple use objectives). Part of the evaluation involves the soils and topography of the parcel, any special designations whether natural such as swamps or archeological, historical or cultural features. Mineral resource and development possibilities are also taken into consideration as are any survey requests, special wildlife habitat considerations and fire protection for the compartment.

Once the surveys are done and the reports compiled, the DNR holds an open house. The public

is invited to attend and add their input.

A presentation of the plans for 2006 will be made at the open house to be held October 19 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Grayling Field Office located at 1955 Hartwick Pines Road. Although inputs and concerns regarding timber harvests or management of state forests may be made at any time, the open house offers a great opportunity for members of the public to see the current plans and discuss their concerns in person.

For those unable to attend the open house the DNR staff at the Grayling office can be contacted by mail at Grayling Field Office, MDNR, 1955 North 1-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI 49738, by calling 348-6371 ext 7440 or 7448 or by e-mail thielj@michigan.gov.

Kirtland's warbler clear cutting draws complaints

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Every year there are complaints about the clear-cutting of the jack pine for the Kirtland's warbler. Recently it appears there are more cuts than usual but...

Bids are put out and the logger typically has two to three years to remove the timber. Both last year and this year loggers are making cuts in the last year of the multi-year contract while others are cutting on the first or second year, which makes it look like the harvesting rate on state lands is increasing.

When cutting is done for the warbler many people want to know why those "ugly dead trees" are left standing and why a 50-foot strip isn't left along the road. The "ugly dead trees" provide perches for birds, and if

fallen, they are left on the ground where they interfere with the replanting. When they fall naturally after replanting they provide cover for small animals and enrich the soil as they decay.

As for leaving a 50 foot strip, sooner or later those trees need to be cut down. Wildlife biologists contend leaving visual strips negatively interferes with warbler habitat. Also, loggers find it non-economical to harvest the narrow strips at a later date.

One method the DNR is beginning to use to address the visual impact of the large Kirtland's warbler cuts is to leave long, narrow islands called vortices. These uncut strips simulate the effect of natural unburned strips of timber after a wildfire. These vortices provide cover and woody debris for a variety of other animals.

Corrections

In the July 22 issue, Brigadier General Robert Taylor was misidentified within the article "Ceremony honors soldiers, local businesses."

The Avalanche apologizes for

the error.

The hand quilter on page 8A of the July 29 edition of the Avalanche is Janice Cook.

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McIsaac retires from Booster Club board after 35 years

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Irving McIsaac is a name that has been associated with the Grayling Youth Booster Club from the very beginning. He has served on the club board since its inception, when he helped found the club. McIsaac, who is still a member of the club, recently stepped down from the board after 35 years.

"When we got started, we got started with nothing," said McIsaac. When the Booster Club was originally formed, it was their goal to raise \$1000 to send ten high school kids and their coach to basketball camp. Today, the Booster Club is one of the most generous charity organizations in Crawford County, funneling thousands of dollars every year into various youth programs.

"It's just a great, great thing and after all these years they're still going," said McIsaac. McIsaac made the decision to gracefully step down from the club board after meeting times were set to 8:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. This time is inconvenient for McIsaac, who has decided to leave the decision making process in the hands of a new generation of board members.

"The most amazing thing is the people that are on the board now. They heard about

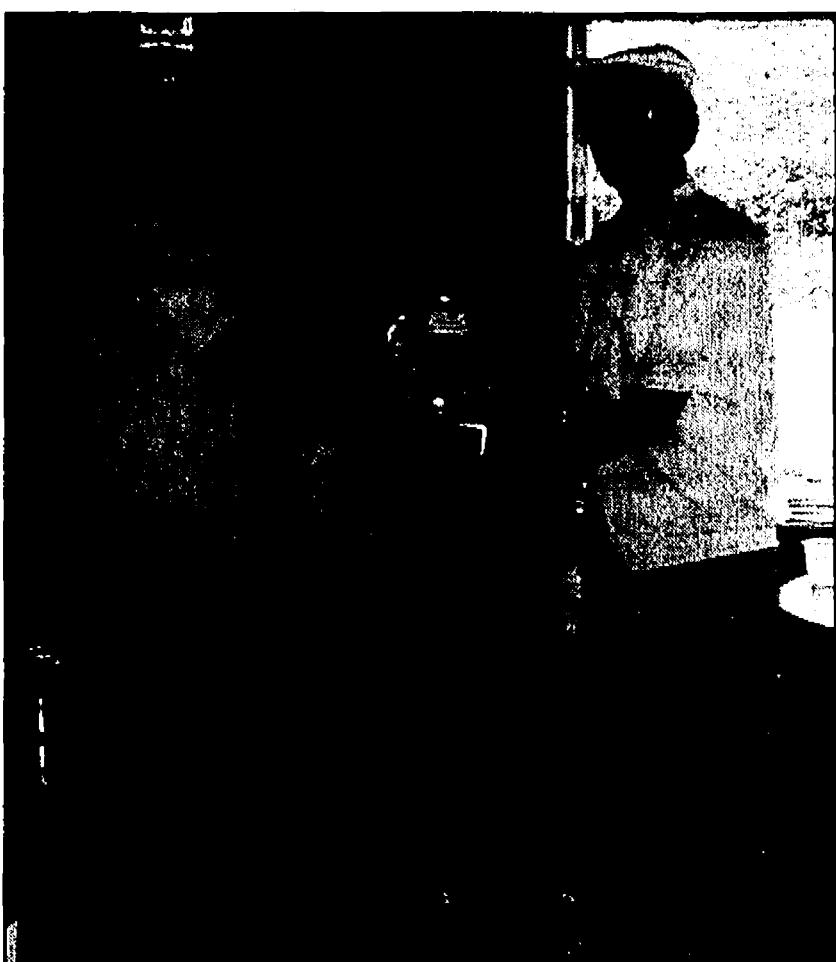
the Booster Club when they were in school," said McIsaac. The club's impact has inspired many youth who were affected by the program to join as adults. McIsaac has left such a personal impact on the community that a baseball field was dedicated to him at the Crawford County Fair Grounds.

"That's the greatest thing they ever did for me. I would have no reason to have that field if it wasn't for the club," said McIsaac. McIsaac continues to be recognized for his contributions, and was named Booster of the Year for 2004 during the club's Ninth Annual Summer Fling 2004 Golf Classic fund raiser.

"He's just a great asset as far as getting things going. He always wants to be involved in everything," said Booster Club Board President Rick Schmidt. Not only is McIsaac wholeheartedly dedicated to the club, he also does everything he can to make the volunteer experience fun and enjoyable.

"He always makes you laugh when you're there," said Schmidt. McIsaac has no plans to leave the club anytime soon, and should be lending a hand to Grayling youth for years to come. His efforts are an inspiration to people throughout the community.

"He's a huge driving force," said Schmidt.



Irving McIsaac (right) receives the Booster of the Year Award from past Booster Club Board President Cliff Wheeler and current Club President Rick Schmidt. Schmidt said McIsaac received the award "for everything he's done."

Swan court case wraps up with sentencing

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

July 28, 2004 marked the final day of the first swan court case in Michigan in over 100 years, possibly the first ever since laws regarding the killing of trumpeter swans were enacted in 1887 and swans disappeared from the state in 1900.

Judge John G. Hunter ordered the 14-year-old teen who was found guilty in June of taking, killing or wounding an adult trumpeter swan and taking, killing or wounding a cygnet, or juvenile swan, to pay \$100 court costs, \$45 in state fees.

Judge Hunter also ordered the teen to pay a state mandated

\$1,500 fine for killing the cygnet, \$1,000 of which can be worked off through community service at the rate of \$10 an hour.

The community service will be done with no oversight by the court. The teen will be supervised by his father and no records of the amount of time will be kept.

The \$1,500 for killing the cygnet was a mandatory sentence, meaning the judge had no way to set aside the fine.

The teen was also placed on probation for 180 to 365 days and had his hunting privileges suspended for one year.

There was no penalty imposed for injuring the adult swan.

The incident occurred around 8:30 a.m. October 5, 2003. The body of the cygnet was found during the investigation of the incident.

The adult swan was found six days later in Grayling City Park with an injured wing.

After being x-rayed it was found that the swan had been shot with birdshot and the bird was sent to Michigan State University for treatment. The adult who can never be released back into the wild because she lost the wing will spend the rest of her life at the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary.

A second teen was found not guilty in a trial in February.

Sheriff's Department to get additional patrol car

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

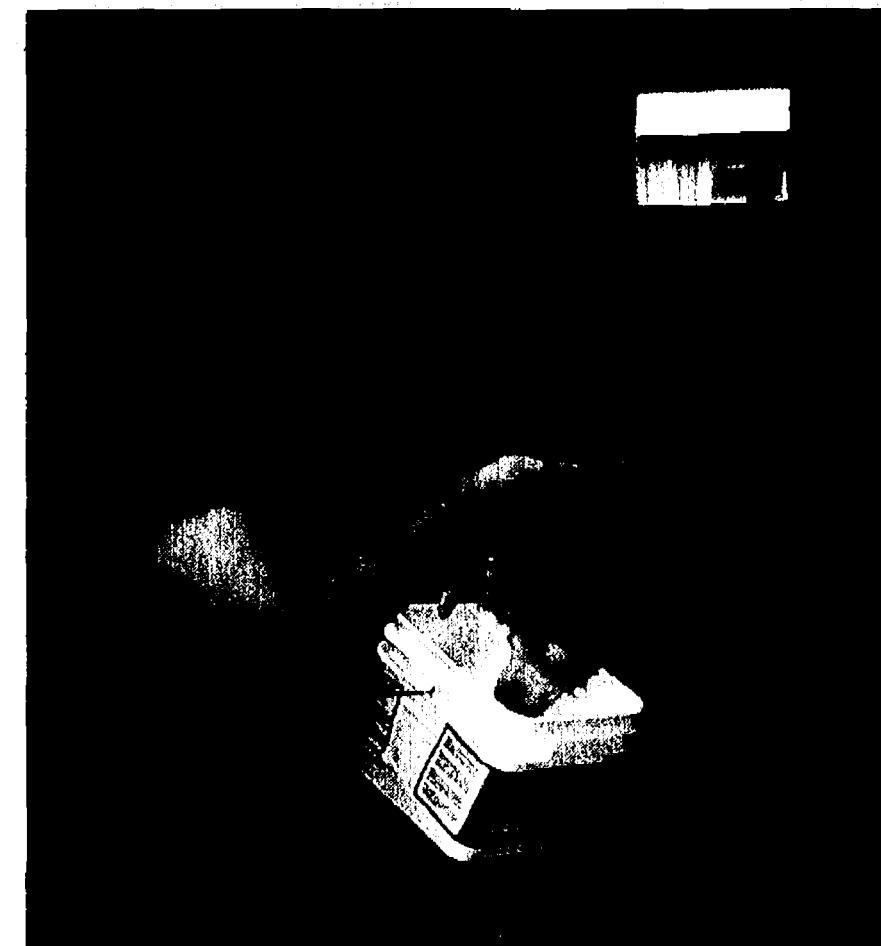
At the budget hearing in June Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said if he could get another patrol car this year, he would be able to cancel his request for two patrol cars next year. He explained that with another car each patrolman would be able to be assigned to one vehicle which would result

in less mileage per vehicle and better care since each deputy would be responsible for their own car instead of being assigned to cars randomly.

At their July 21 meeting, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners decided to take him up on the deal. They authorized Wakefield to purchase and equip a new 2004 Ford Crown

Victoria for \$23,000 and removed his request for the purchase of two vehicles from the fiscal year 2005 budget.

Earlier in the July 21 meeting, the commissioners had been informed that the budget requests for fiscal year 2005 are already \$540,000 over budget and the county has not yet received the budget from the Court.



Linda Williams feeds a baby alpaca, called a cria. These gentle animals are not easy to raise, but their fiber makes it worth the effort for alpaca farmers. Crawford County residents will have the opportunity to see these animals at the Ice House on August 7.

Crawford County farm hosts rare alpacas

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Although Crawford County is not typically viewed as a farming community, it is much more diverse than many people realize. One such example of this diversity is the alpaca farm of Linda and Robert Williams, which has been host to these animals locally since 1996.

"I wanted to raise something that was worth raising," said Linda Williams. The alpaca is a ruminant, fiber producing mammal that descended from the vicuna. Alpacas are raised for their fleece, which produces an exceptionally soft and warm fiber. This fiber can be used to make a variety of products, including clothes, yarn and blankets.

"Alpaca is known as the world's finest livestock," said Williams. It is also quite rare in the United States. When Linda started the farm ten years ago, there were only about a dozen alpaca farms in Michigan. Since then, consumer interest in these animals has grown considerably, but there are still only 139 farms in the state. It is both time consuming and expensive, but Williams believes it is worth the effort.

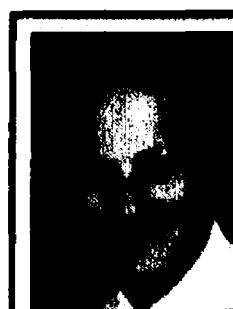
"It's just a rewarding lifestyle," said Williams. Linda and Robert currently own 18 alpacas, ranging in age from babies to adults. As with dogs, alpaca genetics and pedigree are very important. They must be fed special hay and cared for meticulously in order to produce the finest fiber. This challenge is made easier by the fact that the animals themselves are

very pleasant to be around.

"They're real sweet," said Williams. Indeed, sweet is a good way to describe the animals, which happily roam the farm and willingly eat from Linda's hand.

Although the farm is not open to the public, those wishing to see the animals will have the opportunity to do so at the Ice House on Saturday, August 7. This local business will be hosting its First Annual Fiber Arts and Quilts Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Williams will be bringing baby alpacas to the free event. It will be a great opportunity for children and families to meet this rare and fascinating creature.

"They love kids. They're very gentle," said Williams.



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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Convention great tonic for the faithful

SEN. JOHN KERRY properly was the king of all he surveyed during last week's Democratic national convention.

Whether he picked up any votes or improved his stock in his campaign to become president is problematic.

He was, after all, preaching to the choir, and so were all the other stellar speakers trotted out for the delegates and somewhat restricted television coverage. The choir of dedicated Democrats loved it all.

Initial post-convention polling showed the Kerry candidacy enjoyed only minimal "bounce" from all the hoorahs at the convention. Mr. Kerry and President George Bush stood just about where they were earlier, with Mr. Bush leading Mr. Kerry by a few percentage points among probable voters.

That's how conventions have developed these days — to serve largely as an in-house pep rally, with the outside hope of picking up non-committed support here and there.

It will be the same when Republicans crown their champion, President George Bush, in New York Aug. 30-Sept. 2.

WHY NO BOUNCE? Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm suggested it's because more voters than usual already have made up their minds. That's probably so.

Folks who like Mr. Kerry already liked him before the convention; those who intend to vote for Mr. Bush continue to support him.

Television ratings were not great for the convention, but spiked for Mr. Kerry's acceptance speech. That's according to schedule.

In fact, everything ran on schedule, according to post-convention newspaper reports, except for one minor glitch when patriotic balloons failed to release as planned when Mr. Kerry concluded his stirring speech, and profanity from the guy running the balloon drop was carried on live TV and it wasn't Vice

President Cheney either.

FOR THE FIRST time in about 50 years, I missed watching a national political convention, either in person or on TV.

With my family, I was tucked away in a cottage with Lake Michigan out the front door and woods out the back. We watched no television and heard no radio during convention week. Newspaper availability was sporadic.

I was isolated from politics during a usually crucial time, but I felt no sense of loss. Maybe I'm becoming more jaded while no less interested as I age, but then again, maybe I have discovered the perfect way to spend convention week.

All I know about what happened is what I have read in the newspapers.

FOR EXAMPLE, I know Barak Obama, the future accidental senator from Illinois, gave a terrific keynote and

is a rising Democratic star.

I know Sen. Hillary Clinton was deft in her formal convention conduct, limited to introducing her husband, former President Bill Clinton, for another terrific speech.

I know such reliable Democratic stars as Al Gore, Ted Kennedy, former President Jimmy Carter and Al Sharpton all gave stirring talks, that Teresa Heinz Kerry exhibited unique personality as potential first lady, that vice presidential candidate John Edwards showed he can deliver convincing and commanding speeches.

I know John Kerry believes he can solve all the problems the Bush administration has either created or compounded and that he has answers to any and all other problems the nation faces.

Most of these things I knew going in. I did not know, however, until reading convention coverage that Mr. Kerry once gave CPR to the Kerry family hamster.

I also learned that among 15,000 press

credentials "three dozen Internet Weblog writers" were accredited, but I still don't know what an "Internet Weblog writer" is.

All these things, plus mountains of other information and interpretations, I learned by reading the newspapers after the fact. Would I have been better served by being glued to a TV set each night?

Probably not. In my book, Lake Michigan and the woods — and of course, the games, discussions, laughing and other interplay with my children and grandchildren — were far superior.

Now, if I can only find similar isolation for the week of the Republican convention

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

SAFE KIDS Campaign urging public to practice prevention

As temperatures rise this season, General Motors and the National SAFE KIDS Campaign are urging people to be vigilant about preventing heatstroke fatalities among children who are intentionally left or forgotten in, or who gain access to a hot, unattended parked vehicle.

According to GM research, across the country there were almost 70 percent more of such fatalities reported in 2003 than in 2002. Since 1996, GM researchers have identified a total of 228 fatalities based upon media reports, however, the actual number could be higher. This year, GM researchers have already identified four fatalities. One occurred in early March in Oregon on a day when the temperature was less than 70 F.

"This news is shocking and we are pleading with everyone — parents, bystanders and the news media — to take action to help prevent more of these tragedies from happening this year," said Deb Nowak-Vanderhoef, a GM safety executive. "We especially want to reach out to bystanders who see unattended children in a hot vehicle, to urge them to contact emergency ser-

vices immediately. It could save a child's life."

Since 2001, GM and SAFE KIDS have been educating the public on the dangers of leaving children unattended in motor vehicles with a campaign all "Never Leave Your Child Alone."

Until now, education and outreach efforts have been aimed mostly at parents and other people who transport children. This year the partner organizations are extending their campaign to involve bystanders.

"Many of these deaths happen when a child is left behind or forgotten by an adult, while others occur when a child gains access to an unlocked car and can not get out," said Dr. Angela Mickalide, program director of the National SAFE KIDS Campaign. "We want parents to know that leaving a child alone in a vehicle, even for a few minutes, is never OK. We also want people to know that if they see a small child alone in a vehicle, they need to get help."

GM research shows that children also are dying when they gain access to an unlocked vehicle, often in their own driveway,

and then are not able to get themselves out. GM and SAFE KIDS urge adults to lock vehicles at all times and put the keys in a secure place and out of the reach of children — even at home.

In studies commissioned by GM of Canada, Dr. Oded Bar-Or of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, has shown how susceptible children are to heatstroke. The first study, completed in 2001, revealed that a child left in a hot, closed vehicle in dry heat can face serious risk of injury or death in just minutes. The second study, released in early 2003, showed that when substituting humid heat for dry heat, injury or death can occur in half the time.

Previous research and real-world incidents have demonstrated that on a warm, sunny day, even at temperatures as mild as 60 degrees Fahrenheit, a closed vehicle can be lethal. Because a child's body temperature increases three to five times faster than an adult's and children are not able to dissipate heat as efficiently as adults, every minute counts when a child is trapped in a hot vehicle. To help prevent more fatalities, GM and SAFE KIDS offer these tips:

- Never leave a child unattended in a motor vehicle, even with the windows slightly open.
- If you see a small child who is unattended in a motor vehicle and in need of help, contact emergency services.
- Always lock your vehicle —

especially at home — and keep keys out of children's reach.

• Make sure all children leave the vehicle upon arrival at a destination. Be especially careful if transporting children on a specific day or time is not part of your normal routine. In the case of infants that may be sleeping, get into the habit of placing your purse or briefcase on the floor of the rear seat near where the child is seated to make sure you have to go into the rear seat before leaving the vehicle.

• Teach children not to play in, or on or around vehicles.

• Watch children closely around vehicles, especially when loading and unloading.

For the fourth year in a row, GM and SAFE KIDS are distributing free brochures in English and Spanish that include safety tips and information about the dangers of leaving children unattended in vehicles. They are free and available through the more than 300 SAFE KIDS coalitions nationwide. Order additional brochures at 866-700-0001 (press/choose option No. 2).

The National SAFE KIDS Campaign is the first and only national nonprofit organization dedicated solely to the prevention of unintentional childhood injury — the number one killer of children ages 14 and under. More than 300 state and local SAFE KIDS coalitions in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico comprise the Campaign.

EDITOR

Beaver Creek Township is doing a great job cleaning up blight

To the editor:

This letter is in response to a letter to the editor, written by Roger Kroetsch on July 22, 2004. He stated he was upset because he could no longer camp on his undeveloped property in Beaver Creek Township.

As a homeowner in Beaver Creek Township, I am appalled by Roger Kroetsch and others like him, who believe it is ok to camp and have travel trailers on their undeveloped properties. They do this without getting proper permits, building inspections and abiding to the township building ordinances. They believe they are up "North" and they can do whatever they want. They would never think about doing this in their community, because the zoning ordinances would not allow it.

Who wants to live next door to a travel trailer or someone's campsite?

These travel trailers and camp-sites are not only aesthetically unpleasing, but are unsafe. Travel trailer owners and campsite owners do not have to pass any building inspections, mechanical inspections, sanitary and well inspections, and do not have to have a street address to report a fire, as all homeowners must do when building in Beaver Creek Township. They also do not pay their fair share of property taxes, because their travel trailers and campsites are not permanent structures. They also lower the market value of existing homes in the area.

Roger Kroetsch, the ordinance for camping on unimproved properties has existed a long time. The ordinance number is 20.52 and states you can camp on your property, but you must abide by the zoning ordinances. These ordinances are for the good of all Beaver Creek residents.

Roger Kroetsch states that the family reunion of 100 people at his campsite would put thousands of dollars in the local economy. Roger, it is hard for me to believe that your buying a six pack of beer, bags of potato chips and a couple packs of cigarettes, will put thousands of dollars into our local economy. If you truly believe in our community, build a house like the rest of us had to do in Beaver Creek Township, pay your fair share of property taxes, and clean up your campsite, so it is not an eyesore to the rest of the community.

I would encourage Roger Kroetsch if he does not like our township ordinances here in Beaver Creek Township, to move his campsite to Cass City, and see what kind of reception he gets from his neighbors. I am glad you are moving to another community, because I would not want to live next door to your campsite, with all your 100 relatives visiting every weekend.

I believe Beaver Creek Township is doing a great job, cleaning up the blight within the township.

Gary Cooley
Grayling

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Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page: Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

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BRIEFS

Girls basketball practice to begin

Try-outs for Grayling High School girls basketball begin next week. Try-outs are open to any GHS girls who wish to play basketball this fall (but students must have a completed physical card turned in to GHS before they can participate). Try-outs will be held at GHS according to the following schedule, starting Monday, August 9: freshmen - Monday through Friday, 9-10:30 a.m.; junior varsity - Monday through Friday, 4-6 p.m.; varsity - 6-8:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 9-11 a.m. on Friday.

Boys golf practice starts next week

The 2004 Grayling High School boys golf season begins Monday, August 9, with practice from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Grayling Country Club. The tentative schedule for the first week of practice is Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 8-10 a.m. The Boyne Invitational, for the top six players, will be Wednesday. A completed physical card and treatment release card is mandatory to participate.

Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will meet on Thursday, August 12 at 7 p.m. at the Crawford County Court House. The Crawford County Democrats meet regularly on the second Thursday of each month. Everyone is welcome.

Happi Days Car Show to be held

Happi Days Diner & Campground and your hosts, Dave and Pat, will present the Happi Days Car Show on Saturday and Sunday, August 7 and 8. Saturday's events include the Sock Hop from 6-11 p.m.; a Cruise from 6-7 p.m. (\$3 per car poker run); a Salute to Elvis from 8-9 p.m.; and Special Guest Danny Vann will be around throughout the evening. Sunday, registration for the Car Show begins at 8 a.m., and lasts until 12 noon with a \$10 entry fee per car. Music will be provided by Free Wheelin & Company, and there will be door prizes, 50/50 drawings, cash drawings every 1/2 hour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A model car contest will also be held for ages 6 to 12, and 13 to adult. For more information, call Rod Hinkle at (989) 344-9050.

Animal Shelter announces raffle

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is raffling off a 2005 Dodge Durango SLT. Tickets are \$100 each and only 2,000 will be sold. To purchase a ticket, send a self addressed stamped envelope to: Animal Shelter of Crawford County, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. We will soon have to move from our present location and a new animal shelter is badly needed. Part of the proceeds will also go to help replace depleted operating expenses. The drawing will be held on July 24, 2005 at the Gray Rock Cafe at 1 p.m., or when the 2,000th ticket is sold.

Sheriff to attend Township meeting

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will be attending the Grayling Township meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 11 at 7 p.m. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to attend this meeting. He will be there throughout the meeting and, if necessary will remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

Church of Christ to host Bible school

Grayling Church of Christ Annual Vacation Bible School Program will be held August 11-13 from 6 to 8 p.m., with parent night on Friday evening August 13. This year's theme is "Settlers in the New Frontier" for pre-school through 12th grade, with skits, songs, games and prizes, and fun. The Grayling Church of Christ is located at 7540 South Old 27 across from Skyline. For more information or if you need transportation, call (989) 275-8613.

Farm Festival weekend at Wellington

On Saturday and Sunday, August 28 & 29, 2004, Wellington Farm Park near Grayling will play host to its Annual Flat-Belt Festival, a two-day event celebrating the approaching harvest season. Tractors of all sizes, shapes and ages will be on display and in operation. Gasoline engines will be running and in addition, a long list of special activities will be taking place throughout both days. The highlight of the day will be the "Big Machinery Parade" which will take place each afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Both of the park's threshing machines will be in operation as well as the Grist Mill and the Sawmill. The Blacksmith Shop and Summer Kitchen will also be open and in

operation.

Not to be overlooked will be the big Rumely Cloverhuller, one of the few remaining hullers in the country and quite possibly the only one still in operable condition. The big red machine will run at 2:30 each afternoon, a rare and awesome sight. At 4:00 each afternoon, the turn of the century Ann Arbor Hay Press will be in operation as well as the Grist Mill and Sawmill.

A visit to the Flat-Belt Festival at Wellington Farm Park is a great, full-day outing for the entire family.

Wellington Farm Park near Higgins Lake and Grayling is a 60-acre living history farm depicting life during the Great Depression. The gates to the

Jackpine Jamboree music fest to be held this Saturday

On Saturday, August 7, Wellington Farm Park near Grayling and Higgins Lake will play host to their first ever music festival, the Jackpine Jamboree. The day-long event will feature blue grass, country, gospel and folk music. Appearing as the headlining band will be the Blue Water Ramblers from the Grand Rapids area.

The first performance begins at noon and music will continue until dusk with several different groups taking the stage. In addition, in another area of the park there will be an open jam where anyone may come, bring their instrument and play.

Advanced tickets are presently on sale for \$8 each. Tickets may be purchased in Grayling at Riverland Gear or at the Ole Barn; in Gaylord at the Music Haus and in Higgins Lake at the Silver Dollar Bar and Restaurant. Tickets may also be ordered by mail from Wellington Farm Park, Inc., 6771 S. Military Road, Grayling, MI 49738. More information may be obtained through the Farm Park's website at www.wellingtonfarm-park.org, or by calling 888-653-3276.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$10 each.

Those attending the Jamboree will be pleasantly surprised at the potential of the setting for the event. Though not complete at the present, the amphitheater and audience area hold a great potential for future festivals and performances.

The acting area of the stage is 16 by 24 feet and is ready for use. As funds become available, an additional 12 feet of backstage area will be added, as well as a uniquely designed cantilevered roof, which will make the structure a very attractive facility for any type of theatrical production or musical performance.

The audience area is presently not large enough, but the setting is beautifully wooded and

a great deal of effort has been dedicated to make the setting blend with the natural surroundings. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and plan to experience the infant beginnings of what could become a well known festival and performing arts complex.

Musicians of all kinds are encouraged to come and bring their instrument to join the Open Jam which will be going on all afternoon. This portion of the festival will take place in the back meadow of the living history complex in a most unique structure. The entire jam stage, which will be known as the Thresher Stage, will be created by placing large farm machinery around a set of horse drawn bob-sleighs. Some seating will be available at the Thresher Stage, and food and beverage concessions will be in operation at both stage sites.

The purpose of the Jackpine Jamboree is to raise money for Wellington Farm Park's Stittsville Church Project. The living history farm has been offered the Stittsville Church, built in the late 19th century, all they have to do is move it and restore it. Phase One of this project, which is the actual move of the church, a new basement and making the structure weather tight, has a price tag of \$50,000. Some of this money has been promised in a challenge grant by a downstate foundation.

The Jackpine Jamboree is designed to help generate the funds necessary for the match. When the church is restored, it will be available for weddings, vow renewals, meetings, small productions, church services and musical events. When the entire project is complete, it will include a Meditation Garden, restrooms and a 2,000 square foot interactive education complex.

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Grayling Fish Hatchery Restoration Committee

Tonkin Cane fly rod - Bruce

Patrick; Guided float trip and

night's lodging at Fuller's - John

and Lynn Yoder; hand carved

grayling - David Rice of Grosse

Pointe Farms; Solitude fly reel -

John Sojka; hand-crafted quilt -

Roger Fechner.

Grayling Youth Booster Club

Week ending July 25 - winners of \$25 each: Mary Callewaert,

Larry McNamara and Grace

Duby.

Grayling Lions Club

The Lions Club Lucky 13 Raffle winner of \$100 for Week

10 is Robert Wakeley of

Grayling.

The Bible Speaks

Our National Anthem

As President Dwight D. Eisenhower reminded us, "Without God there could be no American form of government nor an American way of life. Recognition of the Supreme Being is the... most basic expression of Americanism." Therefore, we shall publicly repeat the fourth verse of our National Anthem because it is too often being ignored as part of our heritage today:

"Oh, thus be it even, when freemen shall stand. Between their loved home and the war's desolation; Blest with victory and peace, may the Heav'n rescued land Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation! Then conquer we must. When our cause it is just; And this be our motto: - In God is our trust!, And the Star - Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave!"

Another little known additional stanza was written by Oliver-Wendell Holmes during the Civil War, and was intended to decry treasonable acts against the U.S. flag:

"When our land is illumined with Liberty's smile, If a foe from within strikes a blow at her glory, Down, down with the traitor that tries to defile The flag of the stars, and the page of her story! By the millions unchained, Who their birthright have gained We will keep her bright blazon forever unstained; And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave, While the land of the free, is the home of the brave."

George Washington, the father of our country warned us, "Guard against the impostures of pretended patriotism." And President Abraham Lincoln said, "Congressmen who willfully take actions during wartime that damage morale and undermine the military are saboteurs and should be arrested, exiled, or hanged." As Thomas Paine said at the time of our Revolutionary War, "These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman."

But as President Ronald Reagan said, "While America's military strength is important, let me add here that I have always maintained that the struggle now going on for the world will never be decided by bombs or rockets, by armies or military might. The real crisis we face today is a spiritual one; at root, it is a test of moral will and faith."

Perhaps Ann Coulter has with her sarcastic humor exposed the frustration we face fighting a war against terrorism today:

"Liberals always claim to know exactly what to do as soon as it's too late. After Muslims attack with airplanes, they want to investigate flight schools. After Muslims attack with shoe-bombs, they want to investigate shoes. After a Muslim introduces E. coli into New York's water supply, liberals will be enraged that Muslim immigrants taking pictures of New York water

treatment plants weren't investigated more aggressively --as soon as they are done blaming Bush for not stopping the attack and their caterwauling about the detention of Muslim immigrants. Liberals are the only known species whose powers of reasoning are not improved by the benefit of hindsight."

As Plutarch once said, "If all the world were just, there would be no need of virtue." But as President Ronald Reagan said, "There is sin and evil in the world, and we're enjoined by Scripture and the Lord Jesus to oppose it with all our might." When Ronald Reagan was sworn in as 40th President of the United States, he placed his hand on his mother Nelle's old worn Bible. Her Bible was opened to her favorite verse in II Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I here from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Nelle's personal annotation in her Bible by that verse read: "A most wonderful verse for the healing of a nation." Our only hope for the future of our nation is a return to our God who has exceedingly blessed America, Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessing upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

OBITUARIES

Darlene R. Peters

March 4, 1962 - July 28 2004
Darlene R. Peters, of Roscommon, passed away on Wednesday, July 28, 2004 with family by her side. She was 42 years old.

Mrs. Peters was born on March 4, 1962 in Rogers City to Alfred and Eleanore (Klien) Kamyszek. On October 18, 1980 she married Bernard Peters at St. Casimir Catholic Church.

She was a 1980 graduate of Posen High School and managed the McDonald's Restaurant in Alpena for 12 years before moving to Roscommon. After the move, she managed the Arby's Restaurant in Grayling for three years.

In 1994, Darlene was diagnosed with cancer and given two years to live. Together with her faith and will to survive, she was able to meet and exceed goals she set in place. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Roscommon and she enjoyed sewing and gardening.

Mrs. Peters was preceded in death by her parents, Alfred and Eleanore.

She is survived by her husband Bernie; two sons, Jeremy, stationed in Goldsboro, NC and Nathan at home; four sisters, Marie Misiak of Alpena, Gladys (Robert) Purol of Posen, Elgene (Lee) Dubey of Alpena, and Doris Carson of Owosso; two brothers, Arthur (Diane) Kamyszek of Posen and Gordon (Janine) Kamyszek of Clinton Township.

Visitation was held at the Beck Funeral Home on Friday, July 30, where the Rosary was recited followed by the Parish Prayer Service. A Mass of Resurrection was held on Saturday, July 31 at St. Casimir Catholic Church in Posen with Father Stan Bereda officiating. Interment at St. Casimir Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials in Mrs. Peters' name are asked to be sent to Hospice of Gaylord or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements by the Beck Funeral Home, Rogers City.

Edward R. Wehnes

May 23, 1918 - July 16, 2004
Mr. Edward R. Wehnes, age 86, passed away at Mercy Hospital Friday, July 16 after a brief illness. He was born May 23, 1918 to Conrad and Katie (Lamm) Wehnes in Grayling. He married Marion Wellens in Milwaukee, WI on April 28, 1951 and she survives him.

He was employed at Campbell, Wyant and Cannon for 39 years, before retiring in 1980. He was a World War II veteran and a proud member of the 10th Armored Division Tigers. He was also a life member of the Muskegon Heights Eagles Aerie 2106.

Surviving are two sisters, Edith Richardson of North Muskegon and Gloria Mathews of Harlington, TX; a brother, Roy Wehnes of Grayling; son, Gary and daughter Barbara; and grandchildren, Kimberly and John Wehnes, and a great-granddaughter, McKenna, all of Muskegon; and many sisters and brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Laurel Richardson and Gladys Wehnes.

A memorial service was held Friday, July 23, 2004 at the Lee Funeral Home with Father Mark Bauer officiating. Interment was at the Sunrise Memorial Gardens.

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Vera M. Dickman

Nov. 3, 1922 - July 28 2004
Vera M. Dickman, of Lewiston, passed away on Wednesday, July 28, 2004 after a courageous four year battle with cancer. She was 81 years old.

Mrs. Dickman was born on November 3, 1922 in Trenton to William Bartholomew and Mary Magdalene Navarre Burbo. The former Vera M. Burbo was married to Mr. Boston "Pete" Dickman on June 4, 1949.

Vera had previously resided in Brownstown Township, moving to Lewiston in 1977. She was a homemaker, a past member of the Lewiston Kitchen Band and a member of the St. Francis Catholic Church in Lewiston.

She was also a member of the "50 Plus Club" of Lewiston and enjoyed dancing, fishing and Detroit Tigers Baseball, along with playing cards, Bingo and taking trips to the casino.

Mrs. Dickman was preceded in death by her parents, William and Mary Burbo, and three sisters and two brothers.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 55 years, Boston "Pete" Dickman of Lewiston; two daughters, Peggy (Hubert) Hughey of Grayling and Lori Diekman of Syracuse, NY, and two sisters and one brother.

A Memorial Mass was held on Tuesday, August 3, 2004 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Lewiston with the Reverend Gregory Kurutz officiating. Burial will be at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

The family requests memorials be made in Mrs. Dickman's name to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, "McEvans" Chapel, Grayling.

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In loving memory of Gertrude Lobsinger, 2 years ago

August 16, 2002

A million times we needed you, a million times we cried. If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died. In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still, for in our hearts you hold a special place that no one else can fill.

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone, for a part of us went with you, the day God took you home.

Deeply missed and loved forever.

From your husband, children, and all your grandchildren

Card of Thanks

A special thanks to Laura LaBo and all of the girls at Mercy Manor for taking such wonderful care of my mother the last week of her life. Thank you Joan Pratt for your special effort in assisting me on my initial visit.

Thank you also to: The chaplain, Karen Henderlong for her guidance in the final hours. She is a special lady who can ease the pain of death. To my special friend, Cynthia Wysocki, for all the hugs and support during this difficult time.

I am also grateful for another dear friend, Dean at the funeral home, for helping with all of the arrangements.

It's great to have all of these wonderful people in our community.

Love,

Peggy Hughey

and Family

Card of Thanks

Team #37 - Ron Trojanek and Dave Piehl would like to thank the following businesses and people for their support during the 2004 AuSable River Canoe Marathon:

B.C. Pizza, Big Boy, B&B Construction, Contagious Karaoke, Laura's Daycare, Denco, Piehl's Sawmill, Greg Messerschmidt Painting, Todd Messerschmidt, Kyle Bond, Neil Cook, Eric Stewart, Michael Harmon

Goodale-Swarthout nuptials

**John and Linda Swarthout**

Linda Goodale and John Swarthout were married February 14, 2004 at the Grayling Free Methodist Church. Reverend Joe Carpenter officiated.

Suzanne Carpenter, of Benton Harbor, was the maid of honor and Loren Goodale, brother of

the bride, was the best man.

Linda is the daughter of Grace and Loren Goodale Jr. of Grayling. John is the son of the late Hollis and Jerry Swarthout of Pinckney.

The couple reside in Grayling and both work at Goodale's Bakery.

Burrell, Stephan engaged



Cadie and Betty Burrell would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie Burrell, to Timothy Jon Stephan, Sr., son of Jay Stephan, Sr., and Luanna Pickell. A winter wedding is planned for March 19, 2005 at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church at 2 p.m.

HOMETOWN NEWS

**Gladys Johnson****Celebrating 100 years of life**

On Thursday, August 5, Gladys Johnson, a resident at Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation Community, will celebrate her 100th birthday. Formerly of Farmington Hills, Gladys runs the General Store at Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation where she sells her crocheted baby outfits.

Crocheting is something Gladys has been doing ever since she was nine years old after a German lady taught her how.

She was born in a little town near Swazee, Indiana on August

5, 1904, the daughter of Charles and Alice Peterson. She has two sisters and one brother. The family moved to Michigan when she was nine and she later lost her brother in the service.

Gladys is a high school graduate and when she was 17, she met her future husband from Sweden. She says she never visited Sweden with her husband because after the Titanic sank she was afraid to get on a boat.

Although she and her husband never had any children of their own, they were always there to help family members and friends with their children and pets whenever people would go out of town. Gladys and her husband were happily married for 54 years before he passed away in 1974.

Gladys has held various jobs over the years, including being an IBM operator for General Motors. She has served on the council for the First Covenant Church where she has been a member for 70 years. She faithfully reads "Daily Bread" every day and says that, "There is no secret to living to one hundred, it is just the Lord's doing."

HOMETOWN NEWS

The Stephan Family Reunion will be held Sunday, August 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Beaver Creek Township Hall on South Grayling Road. All descendants of Peter William Stephan I are invited to attend.

There will be a gathering at

HONORS

Michigan State University

A total of 8,427 Michigan State University students earned a 3.5 or better grade point average for the spring semester 2004, earning a place on the dean's list for the term.

Jessica Marie Ferrigan, Paul Roger Jansen and Monica Ann

Safin, all of Grayling, were named to the list.

Jessica Marie Ferrigan, of Grayling, graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology this spring.

Karsten, Riehle engaged



Ken Riehle and Kathy Karsten, of Grayling, would like to announce their recent engagement. A fall wedding is planned.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 112 complaints the week of July 26 - August 1:

One hazardous situation, eight traffic accidents, two accidents - non traffic, one traffic safety public appearance, one motor vehicle - school bus, five property, one other inspection, three civil matter disputes - family, 11 suspicious situations, two lost and found property, 14 general non-criminal, one delinquent minor, three false alarm activations, two assault/intimidation/stalking, six burglary/home invasion, eight larceny, five damage to property, one damage to property, private property, one obscenity/material/communication, 18 public peace/disorderly, three OUIL/UBAL, four health

and safety, two conservation, one miscellaneous criminal offense, one miscellaneous arrest, seven driving violations/DWLs (driving while license suspended), etc.

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org

Card of Thanks

We want to thank all of our family and friends for their cards, gifts and best wishes on our 50th anniversary.

It was a real nice party and we love you all.

Ed & Donna Malinowski

Make time for better health, for the rest of your life

By Ernie Harwell



People often express amazement when they learn that I missed only two broadcasts in my 54-year career as a professional sportscaster, while also writing a couple of books, a weekly newspaper column and dozens of songs recorded by artists such as Mitch Ryder and B.J. Thomas.

They're always quick to ask how I did it, how I found the time. I didn't. I made the time. I still do. Though I retired last year, I'm still writing columns. I'm doing baseball vignettes for the Fox network. I speak to groups across the country. I'm a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Who knows? I might even write another book.

While time is important, good health is even more crucial. So I'm always on the lookout for ways to have more of both. There's really no ideal time to exercise. It's up to you to decide when to make time for exercise. And need I remind you; there's no time like the present.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's lonngggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Road 612, East of Sherman Road, South of Old State Road 618, and west of county Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Military maneuvers and demolition firing. August 5-10.

Small Arms Ranges located

west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of gas pipeline and south Portage Creek. August 5-11.

Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Road and on the east by Carrier Road. August 5, 8.

Range 17, Hand Grenade Range located south of the main post, north Carrier Road, east of Range 13 and west of Beaver Creek (Military Road). August 5, 9.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek. August 5-11.

The Range 30 Complex, located

north of North Down River Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of County Road 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail. August 5-11, 2004.

In addition, the following roads will be closed on: August 5-11, 2004.

- Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Bald Hill Truck Trail.

- Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to North Down River Road.

- Stephan Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road.

- Wakeley Bridge Road from County Road 612 North Down River Road.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling office of the Department of Natural Resources for the area closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

Local business leaders participate in ESGR Bosslift

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Wing. In-route, the "Bosses" got a chance to observe two in-flight refueling missions as the KC-135 refueled two A-10 "Thunderbolts" in route to Norfolk over Traverse City and an Air Force C-17 over Atlanta, GA on the return trip on July 16. During the refueling operations they had the opportunity to lay beside the boom operator as he refueled the planes in the air.

While in Norfolk the "Bosses" stayed at Naval Air Station Oceana in Norfolk, VA, and had the opportunity to visit both the Battleship USS Wisconsin and Hampton Roads Naval Museum. Also included in the trip were three days of scheduled tours and opportunities to speak with personnel from the Naval Station Norfolk, Naval Air Station Oceana, and the Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek that kept our local leaders busy.

The overall goal was to give the "Bosses" a first hand experience in recognizing the essential role the National Guard and Reserves play in maintaining our national defense.

"It was overwhelming," said

Zigila, "we were able to walk into airplanes, fighters, helicopters, and the "Hovercraft" of Assault Craft Unit 4". Bosses also saw numerous battleships, fighter jets and submarines while military personnel showcased modern training methods and technology.

Military representatives stressed that our country is at war and the Guard and Reserve are playing an essential role in maintaining our national defense, and that it's important that employers support members of the Guard and Reserve. The ESGR program pointed out that it's necessary for employers to not discriminate against employees because of their military service. And that they be granted leave of absence for military training or duty without sacrificing their jobs or vacation time.

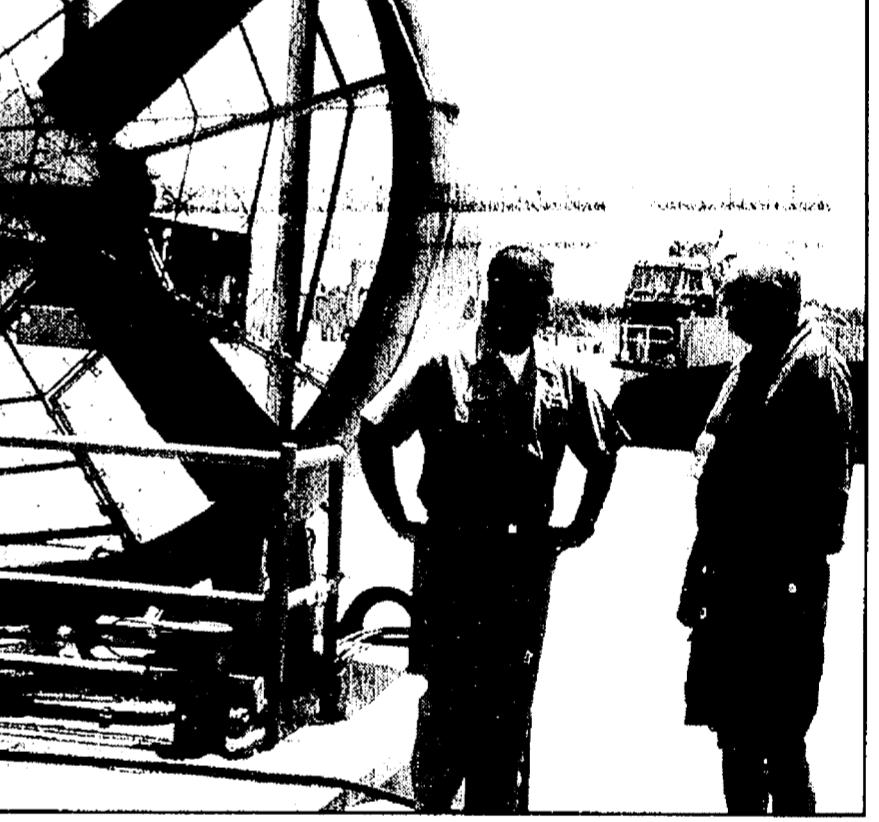
The Michigan Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is a Department of Defense chartered volunteer organization whose mission is to obtain employer and community support to ensure the availability and readiness of Reserve Forces. ESGR does this by educating

employers, civic leaders, and the general public on the critical role

the Reserve Components plays in our national defense.



Flying over Traverse City in a KC-135 "Stratotanker", Tim Zigila watches the Boom operator refuel an A-10 "Thunderbolt" jet. Each guest had an opportunity to watch the refueling process and sit up front with the pilots to watch the jets come in.



At the Little Creek Amphibious Base in Norfolk, VA, "Bosses" toured a "Hovercraft" of Assault Craft Unit 4 (ACU4). Sheriff Kirk Wakefield asks questions to one of the navigators to the "Hovercraft." The air cushion craft is designed for transporting ship-to-shore movement of personnel, weapons, equipment and cargo of the assault elements of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force. Commissioned in 1986 the ACU4's have been deployed throughout the world and have taken part in all major amphibious operations.

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Keith Miles observes a jet through the eyes of a pilot during Bosslift at Naval Air Station Oceana. "Bosses" were able to tour numerous military jets, helicopters and battleships.

Area business has one-of-a-kind sign supporting troops

by Susan Warrington

Staff Writer

One of the few businesses in town that still has its original sign in the window showing support for the military troops is at Goodale's Bakery. The sign has been there since April 2003 and it is definitely an original.

The sign was designed and painted by Linda (Goodale) Swarthout. Linda, who has had no formal training in art loves to draw and designed one side of

the sign with drawings of the decals of the Air Force, Army, Marines and Navy. She said she would like to add the Coast Guard decal but has not yet been able to get a decal to use as a model.

When asked why the sign was two sided, Linda said she didn't

want a blank white board facing either in or out. The other side of the sign says "God Bless America."

The sign can be seen in the window of Goodale's Bakery any time and according to owner Loren Goodale, it will stay there until the troops are all home.

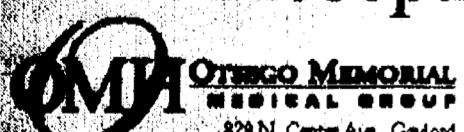


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Loren Goodale (left) and Linda (Goodale) Swarthout hold the sign Linda made when U.S. troops were first sent to Iraq.

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Loren Goodale (left) and Linda (Goodale) Swarthout hold the sign Linda made when U.S. troops were first sent to Iraq.

Reading Program finishes strong

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Kids have been doing a lot of reading this summer. They have sought reading inspiration in everything from wild animals to an expressive mime. This has all been a part of the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County's Summer Reading Program, which utilizes various activities to encourage youth reading. The finale, held at Wellington Farm Park on Thursday, July 29, underscored the meaning of the entire initiative.

"A lot of people thought it was great," said Library Director Bambi Mansfield.



Sanderson. The final event, which included storytelling, ice cream sundae making, tractor rides and other farm activities attracted the largest crowd yet.

The main attraction of the finale event was a prize drawing for kids who completed the program. This includes any kid who checked out and read at least 25 books over the summer.

The grand prize winners were Casie Wakeley and Larry Van Sickle, Jr., who each got a new bike. CD players went to Josiah Alkire and Tiffany Pittman. Katie Schultz and Jacob Cochrane each won a horseshoe set.

Opus Mime dazzles kids

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

The library's Summer Reading Program continued with a visit from the Opus Mime at the AuSable Primary school on July 22. The mime, played by professional performer Michael Lee, put on four short skits as part of his performance, called "Stories Beyond Words."

"I connect mime to reading by being the pictures to stories," said Lee.

This performance was yet another way the Summer Reading Program encourages kids to get excited about reading. Kids watched and laughed

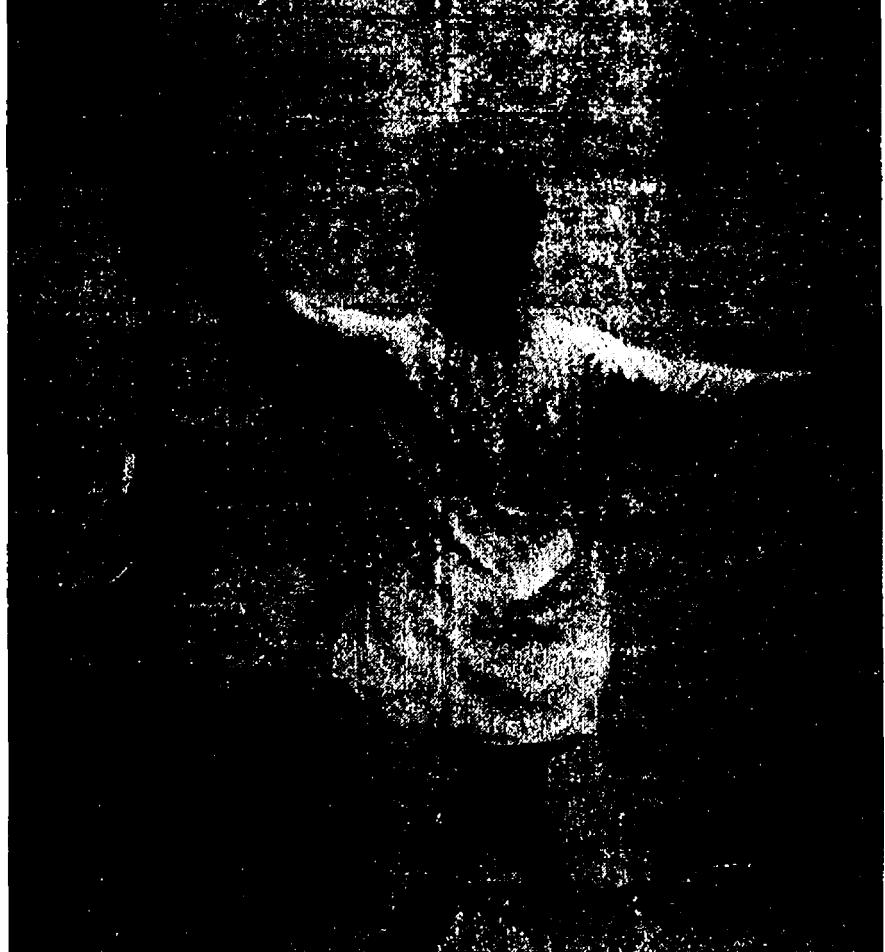
as the Opus Mime used his entire body to create exaggerated and entertaining characters.

"The audience has to really focus," said Lee. Surprising to many, Lee spoke in more than just interviews. His mime character is not mute; he talks to the audience during the show.

"It combines acting with athletics," said Lee. By the end of the performance, few in the audience were not smiling. This is exactly the result that the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library was aiming for.

For more on the Opus Mime, including tour information, visit www.opusmime.com.

A library volunteer reads a story book to participating kids at the Summer Reading Program's finale last week. This event had the highest attendance yet, which is a testament to the success of the program.



The Opus Mime performs a skit. Michael Lee was able to use his entire body to show a wide range of emotions. There was always humor involved, making laughter the essential ingredient of the performance.

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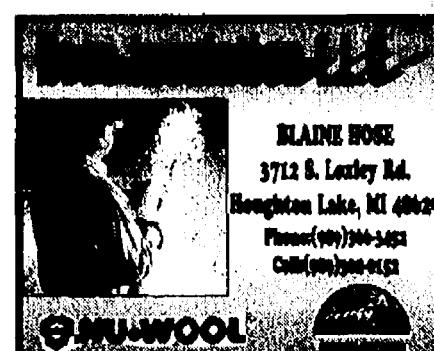
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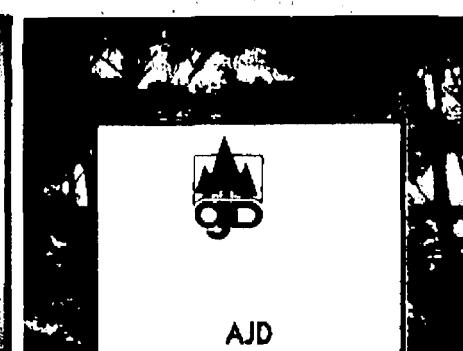
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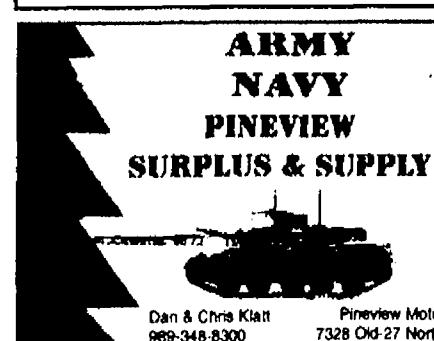


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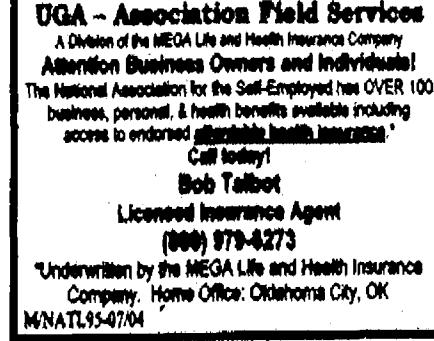
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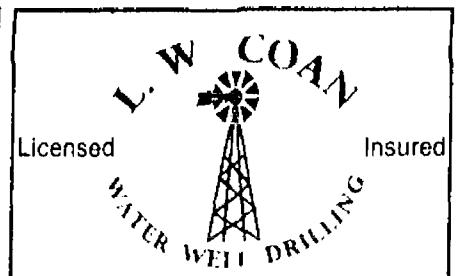
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46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT

Sentencings for May 2004

Hon. John G. Hunter

Jason James Cox, age 28 of Grayling - Pled guilty April 27, 2004 to CSC 4th degree; sentenced June 1, 2004 to 150 days in jail with credit for 46 days served; placed on probation for 24 months; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 Circuit Court costs, and \$350 attorney fees.

Mathew Guy VanSickle, age 18 of Grayling - Pled guilty to larceny between \$1,000 and \$20,000; sentenced June 1, 2004 to 180 days in jail with credit for 75 days served; placed on probation for 36 months; ordered to pay \$3,459.85 restitution, \$60 state minimum fees, \$60 to the Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 Circuit Court costs, and \$350 attorney fees.

Hon. Alton T. Davis

Mark Allen Gardiner, age 45 of Frederic - Pled guilty May 20, 2004 to a Probation Violation; sentenced June 7, 2004 on count 2 to 23 to 60 months in prison for assault with a weapon - with credit for 367 days served; sen-

tenced on count 4 to 23 to 48 months in prison for assault with harm less than murder - with credit for 367 days served. Counts 2 and 4 run concurrent with each other.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Gerald Arthur Mayhew, age 39 of Frederic - Pled guilty May 18, 2004 of Probation Violation; sentenced June 10, 2004 to serve 364 days in jail with credit for 301 days served.

Wayne Robert Farren, age 29 of Freeland, formerly of Grayling - Pled guilty May 18, 2004 to CSC 3rd degree with a person age 13-15; sentenced June 10, 2004 to 29 to 60 months in prison with credit for 658 days served; the sentence to run concurrent with the sentence he is already serving; ordered to pay \$60 to Crime Victim Rights Fund and \$60 state minimum costs.

Matthew James Gleason, age 18 of Grayling - Pled guilty May 6, 2004 to breaking and entering without breaking with intent; sentenced June 10 to 180 days in jail with credit for 137 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 to Crime Victim Rights Fund, \$300 Circuit Court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 24 months. Restitution ordered in an amount to be determined.

HONORS

Northern Michigan University

Rachel L. Hunt of Grayling has made the Northern Michigan University Dean's List for the winter 2004 semester. To qualify a student must earn a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.99.

Grayling Lions honored

The Grayling Lions Club met at Coyle's Restaurant in Houghton Lake on June 16 and held the annual installation of club officers. New officers for the 2004-05 Lions year are:

President, Bob Gingerich; 1st Vice President, Bill Fitch; 2nd Vice President, Jeff Emmons; 3rd Vice President, Tom Olszewski; Secretary, Brian Chace; Treasurer, Rosemary Brown; Lion Tamer, Larry Curriston; Tail Twister, Bob Prause; Board Members, Jon Stevens, Jerry Hayes, Brian Brown and Ron Rakozey.

Honored guests for the evening were Lion Ken Lautzenheiser and his wife Rowena and daughter Lorraine. Lion Ken was honored to present the prestigious Ken Lautzenheiser Award to the outgoing club president Lion Bob Weller for his devotion and long service to Lionism.

Lion Bob has served his communities in both the Vassar and

Grayling Lions Clubs as president and other club offices. He has chaired many fund raising projects and service projects.

Lion Jim Kolka was presented the Melvin Jones Award for his high achievement and many hours of service to the Grayling Lions Club and the community. He is a charter member of the Grayling Lions Club, and has served in almost every club officer capacity over the past quarter century.

He also has chaired fundraising events and been active in Leader Dogs for the Blind for many years.

The Lions are strictly a service club and have over the past year donated more than \$10,000 to various projects within the local community, district and state. The primary focus of Lions is prevention of blindness and service to the blind. If you are interested in serving as a Lion, contact any of the individuals named in this article.



Lion Ken Lautzenheiser was on hand to present outgoing Grayling Lions Club President Bob Wells with the prestigious Ken Lautzenheiser award. Lion Bob was active in both Grayling and Vassar Lions Clubs and communities.

Local realtor joins elite group of land specialists

Don Bowers, Century 21 River Country, Grayling has been selected for membership by the Realtors® Land Institute (RLI) headquartered in Chicago.

The announcement was made by RLI which is an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors®. Bowers is also a member of Water Wonderland and the RLI Michigan chapter.

Bowers joins an elite group of over 1,200 land specialist members of RLI throughout North America. In addition to subscribing to the Realtors® Code of Ethics, RLI members support the high standards of conduct and experience that directly relate to their specialty as established by the RLI board of directors.

Through the RLI Land University, the institute provides specialty education for members to help them stay current in all aspects of taxation, investment, brokerage, subdividing, and planning



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regarding agricultural, transitional, recreational and timberland. This depth of knowledge translates into the highest level of service to prospective purchasers and sellers of land.

Through other activities, members are kept up-to-date with developments in the industry. Members market their clients' properties online through the RLI Land.Net property service and in marketing sessions sponsored by local RLI chapter or at national RLI meetings.

For more information contact Bowers at 989-348-7966 or on the web at dfbowers@i2k.net.

Charter Communications begins high-speed upgrade to cable networks

Charter Communications is in the beginning stage of upgrading its local cable networks. As a result of these upgrades, customers in the counties of Crawford, Roscommon and Ogemaw – this to include the following townships: Backus, Beaver Creek, Churchill, Denton, Edwards, Gerrish, Grayling, Higgins, Horton, Logan, Lyon, Lake, Markey, Mills, Ogemaw, Richland, Richfield, Roscommon, South Branch, West Branch, and the City of Grayling, City of West Branch, and the Village of Roscommon – will soon have access to state-of-the-art communications services, including high speed internet access.

This \$7.5 million dollar upgrade project will begin on August 2, 2004, with the outside network construction process starting in the St. Helen's area. Charter plans for completion of this project later this year. This upgrade project involves replacing the old coaxial cable network with new fiber and coax cable.

This new plant allows for greater bandwidth, allowing for more channels, and it features two-way transmission, which makes High Speed Cable Modem service possible.

Customers in the above mentioned areas will experience brief outages as the construction crews upgrade the network in their neighborhood. These outages will take place during daylight hours and all possible efforts will be made to restore service to customers before primetime television hours.

Charter's modem service – called Charter High Speed – features download speeds up to 3

Mbps, or more than 100 times the speed of most dial-up connections. Charter High Speed also eliminates the need to dial-in, as the cable modem is always on, and always connected to the internet. Customers can simply click and go.

In addition to High-Speed internet, these upgrades allow Charter to offer Digital Cable Services, which feature greater choice and flexibility for subscribers. With Digital Cable, customers can make programming selections and choices using their remote control. Digital Cable also offers more channels, including 45 CD-quality music channels, as well as a built-in program guide.

"We are very excited to be starting this much needed upgrade," said Ed Kavanaugh, Operations Manager for Charter Communications. "It's pretty exciting to be able to say that Charter is bringing Broadband to Crawford, Roscommon and Ogemaw Counties, and they will now have a cable network that is among the best in the world. That's something to be proud of."



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Court, county issues spread across state

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the day of hire for court employees and judges (including fully funding more than 20 years of service credit for employees who had never belonged to the MERS plan); and (2) retiree health insurance for court employees and their spouses."

Olsen's letter stated that "we believe that the facts are so unique, they will not have statewide implications."

Toskey responded "all counties that are funding units of courts have a direct and substantial interest in the issues raised by this matter, and more specifically, in the interpretation of the constitutional, statutory, and case law regarding separation and balance of powers."

Toskey added that a huge concern for all Michigan counties should be the trial court's ruling that a county must give financial preference to courts "over activities, however beneficial they might be to the community" so that "before it can be said that a county lacks the ability to fund its courts at an amount higher than the counties wish to appropriate, it must be established that all discretionary funding has been eliminated and, still, there are inadequate funds." The ruling further noted, funding the

budget demanded by the Trial Court can be done if other, nonessential activities are cut, or if need be, completely eliminated."

Activities that are subject to discretionary funding by the county board include road patrol, zoning and planning, health department, 4-H, Commission on Aging, etc.

Olsen stated, "This case is not about whether state or local government should pay for courts, or the constitutional separation of powers, but about power itself, and the consequences of power being in the hands of misguided attorneys and locally elected officials who choose to negotiate in bad faith."

Toskey agrees that the case is about power. However she says it is about "abuse of power by a court suing to secure unreasonable and unnecessary benefits." Toskey said that when questioned regarding his investigation of the cost of the plan the Chief Judge said he never investigated anything. According to Toskey he said he wanted consistent benefits for all employees of the court. "I simply said the time is right in my judgment to say to the commissioners we want a better pension plan and by better I want the best there is

and I want it uniformly across the board. It was that simple. I didn't do another thing."

For the court employees who were already in the MERS system this was a moderate increase in benefits. However, to those who had previously been covered by a different system, this represented a huge increase because it was to be covered retroactively.

Toskey says this plan gave the Court Administrator a \$200,000 increase in the value of his pension alone.

Olsen's letter states that the three counties approved changes to court employees' benefits in exchange for concessions from the court employees, and he adds that the employees did follow through with their end of the deal.

Toskey counters that no concessions were made. She says they received a four percent annual wage increase at a time when other county employees received no increases and the county cut its work force by more than 40 percent and its office hours by 25 percent. According to Toskey this put the Chief Judge's secretary's salary "higher than that of the controller, clerk, treasurer or register of deed in either county."

Toskey noted that the Chief Judge moved Court employees from an insurance plan that he himself described as antiquated and excessively expensive to a Community Blue plan "like all other County employees had already done. But this was spun by the Chief Judge as a 'concession' thereby devising a claim that Court employees were owed retiree health insurance in return."

Olsen calls the suit frivolous and complains that the Michigan Association of Counties has become involved in the issue in spite of strenuous and repeated objections of Otsego County. He calls the case a "continuing abomination" and requests that the remaining 80 counties in the state not become involved in the litigation. Olsen states, "we believe that this case arises out of purely local actions."

Toskey says that "any county may be required to defend against similar litigation demanding enhanced wages or benefits for court employees on the basis of so-called 'morale problems,' or 'inherent power,' or a contrived 'contract claim.'" She added that a "plaintiff court, in encouraging its employees to 'enthusiastically' perform their jobs and in promising to solicit and secure additional funding for enhanced benefits for its employees may ... create employee 'morale problems' sufficient to support a funding mandate under the guise of 'inherent power.'

"This proposition is especially troublesome for counties inasmuch as a demand by a court for additional funding of enhanced benefits for court employees has not historically been considered 'reasonable and necessary' for purposes of inherent power litigation. Yet, this case represents the dangerous breakthrough that unreasonable and unnecessary funding may become 'reasonable' and 'necessary' simply by the manufacturing of employee 'morale' problems.

"Of further concern to all Michigan counties should be the trial court's finding that the passage of a resolution by a county board of commissioners was not worded artfully enough to avoid contractual liability to the court, even where no written contract was ever agreed upon or executed by all three county funding units."

Toskey concludes, "You be the judge of whether this is an isolated 'local action' unworthy of your interest or whether it could happen in your county."

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Thursday, August 5, 2004

189 cyclists complete Black Bear Bicycle Tour

Bikers race from Grayling to Oscoda during AuSable Marathon

■ 4th annual event
raises money for
Grayling Rotary
Club charities

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Paddlers were not the only people racing toward Oscoda on Canoe Marathon weekend. Sunday, July 25 marked another Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour, which begins on Michigan Avenue at 8:00 a.m. and ends near the Marathon finish line in Oscoda. This year, 233 cyclists signed up to race, with 189 bikes completing the 100 mile tour.

All profits from the event benefitted the Grayling Rotary Club, which is a sponsor of both the Grayling Bicycle Turnpike and the Grayling Bicycle Rodeo.

The overall first place winner was David Johnson from Olivet, with a race time of 3:38:20. He was also the winner of the Men Age 40-55 division. Johnson set a new record for the race, and finished approximately 35 minutes ahead of the second place cyclist, Frank Geyer.

Although race times were generally slower this year due to a headwind on the second half of the course and a slightly longer route because of construction detours, Johnson's recumbent bicycle gave him a huge edge over the competition. It has a pod-like design, making it resemble a traditional bicycle only in the sense that it has two wheels and is powered by foot pedals. Following Johnson's outstanding success, the race may be seeing more bikes of this type in the future.

The overall first place

winner was Bonnie Karas from Rochester Hills, with a time of 4:23:59. Karas raced in the Women Age 40-55 division.

from Alpena.

There were five tandem bikes in the race. The top tandem team was Patrick Aimone with Ann Marie Phillips.

The final race category is the "McKinley Class," which is a tag team type event where one rider bikes 56 miles to the community of McKinley and tags a partner, who finishes the race. This year's top McKinley team was Laura LeFevre and James LeFevre, from Lexington.

"I expect to finish. That's my goal," said Jeff Senn from Oscoda. Senn, who finished 179th overall, was one of the many cyclists who was there just to enjoy the experience.

"I like being outside. The solitude, it's good," said Senn. Many are attracted to the sport for the same reasons. The Black Bear Bicycle Tour is the perfect opportunity to enjoy 100 miles of northern Michigan scenery while doing something

that is healthy and fun.

"I like cycling and I thought it would be a good challenge," said Graciela Pelayo, who travelled from Windsor, Ontario to participate in the race. She heard about the bicycle tour from some friends who were very enthusiastic about this new AuSable River Festival tradition. They asked her to come along.

"It didn't take much to convince me," said Pelayo. In fact,

this race set a new record in attendance. The event is only expected to grow in popularity, with more and more cyclists realizing that this is a great opportunity to enjoy the Michigan outdoors.

For more on the race, including complete results, visit the Black Bear Bike Race 2004 website at: <http://www.grayling-area.com/black-bear2004>.



David Johnson cruises into first place on his recumbent bicycle with a time of 3:38:20. He won the race by over a half hour, thanks in part to his bicycle's streamlined design.



Cyclists start the race on Michigan Avenue. They started by sprinting a short distance to their bicycles. After that, it was a 100-mile race to Oscoda.

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SOUTH HIGGINS LAKE STATE PARK

South Higgins Lake State Park announces its State Park Explorer Program schedule for August 4-7, 2004.

Wednesday, August 4:
11 a.m. - **Wildflower Wonder** - Become wild about

flowers. Join the Park Explorer Guide in a discover of flower folklore and fact. Meet at Marl Lake.

4 p.m. - **Forest Fun** - Become a part of a tree through fun-filled activities. Identify a tree by its

trunk and leaves. Meet at the baseball diamond by campsite 147.

Thursday, August 5:

3 p.m. - **Turtle Tales** - Learn about turtles of all types. Come and see what makes this animal unique. Build a turtle of your own. Meet at the baseball diamond next to campsite 147.

6 p.m. - **Nature Hike** - On this one-hour walk we will make several stops along the way to look at a variety of natural features and discuss the unique plant and animals that live there. Meet at Marl Lake.

Friday, August 6:

4 p.m. - **Dragonfly and Butterfly Catch** - Find out the difference between a moth and a butterfly. Maybe catch a dragonfly to get a better look. Meet at the baseball diamond next to campsite 147.

8 p.m. - **Campfire Stories** - Listen to story book tales while

warming up by the fire. Bring a seat and sit back for some campfire fun (featuring local folklore and history). Meet at the baseball diamond next to campsite 147.

Saturday, August 7:

11 a.m. - **Amazing Amphibians** - Come and hear the different calls of frogs and toads. Learn more about the salamanders of Michigan. Meet at the baseball diamond next to campsite 147.

4 p.m. - **Wetland Walk** - Discover the wild wetlands. Wander through three types of water worlds. Meet at Marl Lake.

All programs are free; however, a State Park Motor Vehicle Permit is required for entry. For more information, contact Karen Gaeth, State Park Explorer Guide, South Higgins Lake State Park, 106 State Park Drive, Roscommon, MI 48653, or (989) 821-6374.

GRA Men's Softball

Grayling Recreation Authority Men's Softball League results for the last week of the regular season:

McClain & Son won both games of a doubleheader vs. American Legion 23-8 and 25-1. On Wednesday, 2 Track Inn defeated SMK 20-8, 15-14.

In a make-up game between Kodiak Group and American Legion last week, Kodiak won both games 23-4 and 28-2.

End of regular season stand-

ings:

Team **W/L**
McClain & Son 13-3

2 Track Inn 11-5

SMK 8-8

Kodiak Group 8-8

American Legion 0-16

Tournament games will be held this week, with the championship game scheduled for Friday night.

For more information on GRA activities visit its website: www.hansonhills.org

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Friday August 6th

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Saturday August 7th

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2004 GRA 10K Results

Name/Division	Bib#	Age	Division	Time
Director Guy				
Justin Andre	Director Guy	20-29	m	0:34:17
Overall Male				
Pat Dantzer	179	15-19	m	0:34:17
Overall Female				
Kelly Stumpmier	162	15-19	f	0:45:36
Age Group Results				
14-under Female				
Maggie Cox	105	14-U	f	0:54:47
14-under Male				
Nathan Peters	156	14-U	m	0:40:49
Gregory Reed	106	14-U	m	0:48:58
Eric Wolfe	201	14-U	m	0:50:02
Scott Backman	185	14-U	m	1:01:39
15-19 Female				
Samantha Mackenzie	186	15-19	f	0:46:25
Kaley Krause	184	15-19	f	0:56:55
Cassie Webb	153	15-19	f	0:59:06
15-19 Male				
Eric Blackman	180	15-19	m	0:37:10
Reagan Schmidt	132	15-19	m	0:39:09
Jarad Jeffries	183	15-19	m	0:40:46
Alex Mackenzie	181	15-19	m	0:41:18
Joe Webb	151	15-19	m	0:42:45
Robert VanNuck	164	15-19	m	0:42:56
Donnie McLeod	120	15-19	m	0:42:59
Bryan Holloway	168	15-19	m	0:45:26
Charles McNamara	178	15-19	m	0:48:38
David Schmidt	157	15-19	m	0:50:08
Thomas Peterson	154	15-19	m	0:51:20
20-29 Female				
Holly Mandy	116	20-29	f	0:50:34
Karen Wyman	189	20-29	f	0:56:50
Kendra Sivola	101	20-29	f	1:01:46
Heather Compton	207	20-29	f	DNF
Meredith Mick	206	20-29	f	DNF
20-29 Male				
Lyle Schultz	150	20-29	m	0:34:43
Scott Latusek	130	20-29	m	0:38:24
Kyle Kristin	111	20-29	m	0:39:36
Nick Hebekeuser	172	20-29	m	0:53:15
30-39 Female				
Penny Bantz	198	30-39	f	0:54:13
Karrie Royce	194	30-39	f	0:55:36
Aimee Bissonette	133	30-39	f	0:55:59
Mary Kerwin	128	30-39	f	0:56:34
Karyn Rauch-Smock	204	30-39	f	0:58:30
Julie Makowicz	196	30-39	f	0:59:39
Cari Oppermann	126	30-39	f	1:02:06
Angie Camp	197	30-39	f	1:12:11
30-39 Male				
Randy Stueve	174	30-39	m	0:38:04
Peter Minjoe	114	30-39	m	0:45:04
David Sims	160	30-39	m	0:45:24
Richard Johnson	148	30-39	m	0:48:24
Hans Marks	149	30-39	m	0:48:42
Brian Burrell	119	30-39	m	0:49:26
Joe Gamrat	138	30-39	m	0:50:33
Eric Pearlman	158	30-39	m	0:53:21
Dave Mallnowski	1108	30-39	m	0:54:04
40-49 Female				

Ellen Thompson	129	40-49	f	0:46:49
Trish Duley	171	40-49	f	0:47:52
Shannon Verklen	113	40-49	f	0:49:19
Karen Lewis	166	40-49	f	0:51:44
Jody Hinkle	192	40-49	f	0:54:42
Lora Lazur	188	40-49	f	0:55:12
Athena Troher	124	40-49	f	0:55:49
Jan Wiseman	123	40-49	f	0:56:28
Barb Kanuszewski	165	40-49	f	0:57:00
Eileen McGill	167	40-49	f	0:58:48
Sarah Webb	152	40-49	f	0:58:49
Connie Winans	145	40-49	f	1:00:18
Sue Lucksted	121	40-49	f	1:00:27
Patty Crandall	125	40-49	f	1:02:05
Lisa Kelly	190	40-49	f	1:03:37
40-49 Male				
Steve Seager	134	40-49	m	0:36:50
Larry Kanaby	104	40-49	m	0:37:49
Dale Ernst	143	40-49	m	0:39:43
Reed Swanson	205	40-49	m	0:42:36
Jim Zittel	139	40-49	m	0:44:30
Daryl Bernard	107	40-49	m	0:45:05
Steve Miazowicz	163	40-49	m	0:45:08
Ken Lazur	187	40-49	m	0:45:12
Joel Rasmussen	110	40-49	m	0:45:44
Chuck Lentz	202	40-49	m	0:47:14
Bill Hart	155	40-49	m	0:49:07
Jim Sutika	146	40-49	m	0:49:28
Dennis Meek	169	40-49	m	0:49:36
James Peterson	159	40-49	m	0:50:12
Mike Wright	142	40-49	m	0:51:28
Jerry Andrejack	161	40-49	m	0:51:58
John Wolfe	200	40-49	m	0:52:09
Joe Trauers	127	40-49	m	0:53:04
Jerry Hebekeuser	170	40-49	m	0:53:16
Jim Hulbert	193	40-49	m	0:54:40
Jack Wiseman	122	40-49	m	0:55:07
50-59 Female				
Michelle Dvorak	102	50-59	f	0:46:53
Barbara Evans	173	50-59	f	0:49:11
Janeen Dvorak	112	50-59	f	0:51:12
Patti Drombowski	175	50-59	f	0:55:38
Lorinda Tait	203	50-59	f	1:06:39
Micheala Kioski	131	50-59	f	1:09:22
50-59 Male				
Mark Jurkovich	177	50-59	m	0:42:58
George Gambert	115	50-59	m	0:44:55
Bruce McGuire	176	50-59	m	0:45:18
Fred Perrin	182	50-59	m	0:46:59
James Havel	144	50-59	m	0:47:54
Barry Hatfield	103	50-59	m	0:49:22
Don Springs	136	50-59	m	0:50:52
Scott Hubbard	191	50-59	m	0:52:18
David Tieppo	141	50-59	m	0:55:35
Mike Lesko	195	50-59	m	0:57:06
Mark Hartman	109	50-59	m	0:57:32
60 + Male				
Jerry Carter	135	60+	m	0:46:54
Leonard Block	140	60+	m	0:51:06
Eddie Wirgau	137	60+	m	0:52:26
Marvin Stevenson	147	60+	m	0:54:58
Jon Wolfe	199	60+	m	1:07:54

GRA AuSable River 10K greeted by good weather, fast runners

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Local runners gave their all at the Grayling Recreation Authority AuSable River 10K on Saturday, July 24. The race attracted 110 runners, including many from out of town who were here to enjoy the AuSable River Festival.

For the second year, the race started on the Grayling High School track and followed the bike path that runs along Old US 27, making for a fast, flat course. Cool weather and clear skies made running conditions ideal for participants.

The overall first place finisher was Pat Dantzer from Grosse Pointe Woods, with a time of 34:17. Dantzer studies at Yale and is on the school's cross country track team. Finishing alongside Dantzer was Justin Andre, director of Hanson Hills.

First male finisher Pat Dantzer (right) finishes the race alongside Grayling Recreation Authority Director Justin Andre. They finished with a time of 34:17.



First female finisher Kelly Stumpmier runs toward the finish line. Stumpmier was visiting the area with her family and decided to participate in this year's race.



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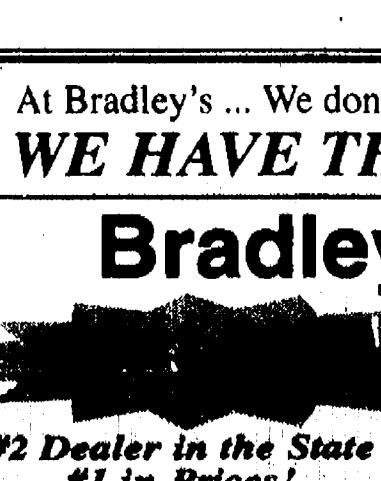
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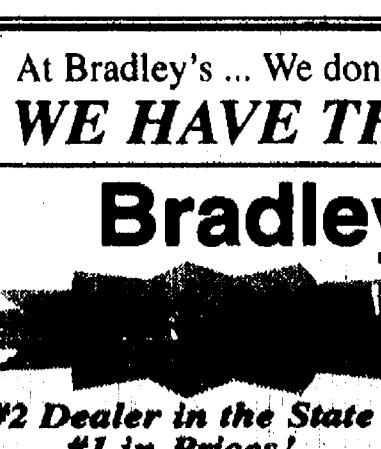


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Bike Shop team wins '04 Business Relays

■ Close to 30 teams compete in annual race on Thursday, July 22

The 2004 AuSable Canoe Marathon Business Relays, sponsored by the Camp Grayling Conservation Club again this year, were held last Thursday at Penrod's.

This year the top overall team was the women's team from the Bike Shop, "The Bikin' Babes." Gretchen Walsh, Pat Eilers, Vickie Hart, and Wini Kolka paddled the looped course from Penrod's Canoe Livery up stream to Ray's Canoes and back in a time of 8 minutes, 43 seconds.

The men's team from Camp

2004 BUSINESS RELAY RESULTS

WOMEN'S DIVISION

The Bike Shop "BIKIN' BABES"	8:43
Chemical Bank "MEDALLIONS"	10:52
Heads Up North	12:00
Grayling Restaurant "ROCKETT'S"	16:16
MEN'S DIVISION	
MATES Team II	8:48
Fick's Propane Boys, Grayling	8:54
Camp Grayling, TISA Logistics Team	9:11
Borchers Canoe Livery "BEASTS"	10:11
Central Michigan Lumber	10:25
Mercy Hospital REHAB	10:42
Grayling Rotary Club	10:53
Grayling Forest Products "SAWMILL RATS"	11:01
Scott McNamara Ford	11:11
Fick's West Branch Connection	11:20

Holiday Inn of Grayling	11:55
E-Z Built Homes "E-Z RIDER'S"	13:04
MATES Team I	13:25
MIXED DIVISION	
The Medicine Shoppe	9:05
Grayling Recreation Authority	10:04
Carlisle Canoes "THE MISFITS"	10:29
Camp Grayling Logistics "TEAM TISA"	10:30
Kiwanis Club of Grayling	10:36
Ray's Canoes	11:10
Michigan Works	11:17
Scheer Motors	11:22
Animal Shelter of Crawford County	12:48
Spikes Keg O' Nails "SPIKES RACERS"	12:55
Camp Grayling Logistics "LOG FORCE TEAM"	14:53

Grayling MATES finished second with a time of 8 minutes, 48 seconds.

The team comprised of Ed Palmer, Jason Thayer, Paul Baker, and Ken Bindschatel just

missed the winning time by five seconds.

The mixed team division winner was the Medicine Shoppe group with a winning time of 9 minutes, 5 seconds. This team

was comprised of Michelle Steffey, Dawn Bryan, Jeff Steffey, and Randy Stueve.

A complete list of results from the 2004 Business Relays is available on this page.

MERRITT SPEEDWAY

MERRITT (July 31) — The Flyin' Farmer of Alger, Frank Seder, sat behind the wheel of a new racecar on Saturday night, just two weeks after crashing hard against the front stretch wall coming out of turn four.

While Seder's chassis was new, he said it sported some of the older parts off the racecar that crashed. The Seder pit crew had the car dialed in and it timed in fastest out of 46 late models qualifying at 13.89 seconds.

Mike Fenske of Midland started on the pole with Mike Nichols of Blythe lining up next to him during the feature event. Nichols went out for the early lead and he and Fenske put some space between them and third place Alvie Hayes of Mount Pleasant.

Eric Spangler of Lake City moved up quickly to 5th place from his 10th place starting spot. Spangler continued to work the inside groove and found himself in 3rd place. Rail Rokos of Traverse City moved up to 5th place. Chad Foster of McBain got a little sideways in turn four and Dona Marcoullier of Houghton Lake hit him, bringing

out the caution. Foster retired to the pits and Marcoullier soon followed him there.

At the restart Nichols was still in the lead followed by Fenske, Spangler, Hayes, Rokos and Don Hawley of Harrison. Spangler moved to the inside of Fenske, taking 2nd place in turn three after the restart. Rokos and Hawley both moved up as Spangler claimed the lead from Nichols.

Seder was also on the move and got by Hayes and Rokos.

Another caution brought the field close together with Spangler still out front. At the green, Hawley went off turn three, but the green flag stayed out. Seder claimed 2nd place inside Fenske on the front stretch. Phil Hendershott of Houghton Lake moved into 4th place on the inside after making his way to the feature with a semi-feature win.

With the laps counting down, Seder moved to the outside of Spangler and the pair battled side by side before Seder claimed the lead out of turn four. The white flag flew and traffic lined up in front of the leaders, but Seder

hung on for the win, followed by Spangler, Nichols, Hendershott and Rokos.

"It still hurts today, but I'm glad to be here," Seder said in the winner's circle, referring to his crash two weeks earlier when his driver's side slammed into the front stretch wall on the first lap of the WoodTie feature event. He said it was the hardest hit he's ever taken in a racecar. Just one point separates Seder and Spangler in the points line-up with Spangler in the lead.

Spangler won the fast four dash ahead of Donnie Marcoullier of Houghton Lake, Seder and Mark Tossey of Cadillac. Heat wins went to Blaine Hose of Houghton Lake, Brent Banning of West Branch, John McDonald of Muskegon, Earl Ingram of Shepherd and Dona Marcoullier. Semi-feature wins went to Mark Kurth of Gaylord and Phil Hendershott of Houghton Lake.

PRO TRUCK

Four-time pro truck track champion Matt Saxon of Houghton Lake started on the outside pole in the feature event with David Schram of Evart starting on the pole.

Saxon moved out for the early lead with Schram, Ronnie Hill of Mikado, Mark MacNeil of Barton City and last week's feature winner Scott Payton of Gaylord behind him.

Hill moved to 2nd place as Payton moved into 4th. Payton moved to the inside into 3rd as Jeff Hubbard of Manton moved into 5th place. Payton went inside Hill to take 2nd place on the front stretch. Schram's machine began smoking badly and officials black flagged him, ending his night early.

The top five drivers were spaced out with Saxon out front and looking at traffic ahead of him. The smell of gear oil filled the air, possibly from Schram's car. Saxon managed to keep a lapped car between him and Payton as he moved through traffic. The caution came out when Jon Bednarick of Cadillac looped it on the front stretch with five laps to go.

At the restart, a lapped car separated first and second, as well as 2nd and 3rd. At the green, Hubbard tried inside Hill as Hubbard and Hill made it around Dick Stout of Prudenville, who was a lap down. Hubbard moved to the outside and lapped car, Ashley Price of Harrison, was right in front of Hill as Hubbard and Hill battled for 3rd place.

Saxon crossed the finish line in 1st place followed by Payton, Hill, Hubbard and MacNeil. After 8th place finisher Bob Hammar crossed the finish line, the front stretch became messy with cars going every which way as they crossed the line.

Saxon leads the points race with 20 points ahead of Hill.

Scott Payton timed in quickest with a 16.150. Hill won the fast four dash followed by Schram, Payton and Bednarick. Heat wins went to Hubbard and Willard Hunt of Cadillac.

MICHIGAN MODIFIED

Brent Wright of Interlochen set fast time out of 44 Michigan

Modified cars qualifying with a 15.270 lap. Mark Kurth of Gaylord won the fast four dash ahead of Ryan Steig of Reed City, Wright, and Greg Wangler of West Branch.

Ryan Ritchie of Gladwin started on the pole with Larry Wiggins of Mount Pleasant on the outside. It was a three-wide battle for the lead at the green until a caution collected several cars. No laps had been scored and everyone but Don Hawley of Harrison was able to continue for the restart.

Wiggins claimed the lead at the second green flag with Ritchie, Jerry Bazuin of McBain and Chris Brindley of West Branch right behind. Bob Kingen of West Branch retired to the pits early.

The field remained bunched up as Bazuin went to the inside of Ritchie. The pair were side by side before Bazuin claimed 2nd place in turn one. Kurth moved to the inside of Ritchie to claim 3rd place as Bazuin went to the outside.

Ritchie was unable to claim the lead and he went to the pits, causing Kurth to hit the brakes hard. Wangler slipped by Kurth into 3rd place. Wangler claimed 2nd and Kurth went to the outside to find 3rd around Ritchie. Kurth tried to stay on the outside to claim 2nd, but was unsuccessful.

Wiggins continued to lead the race and it looked like he had the win wrapped up from the green as the white flag flew. But Wangler had other ideas as he grabbed the lead and the win coming out of turn four. Wiggins finished in 2nd place ahead of Kurth, Ritchie and Bob Hutson of Edmore. Hutson had earned his way into the feature with a semi-feature win.

Steve Fowler of Roscommon picked up the other semi-feature win. Fowler's days at Merritt are numbered. He'll be moving to Billings Montana in mid-August, but promised to come back to compete every year at WoodTie time.

Heat wins went to Rick Young of Midland, Dave DeKam of Falmouth, Dan VanHaitzma of Lake City, John Taylor of Mount Pleasant and Don Hawley of Harrison. VanHaitzma tore up his machine pretty badly during the first lap of the semi-feature event with Jim Kreager of Merritt also being involved.

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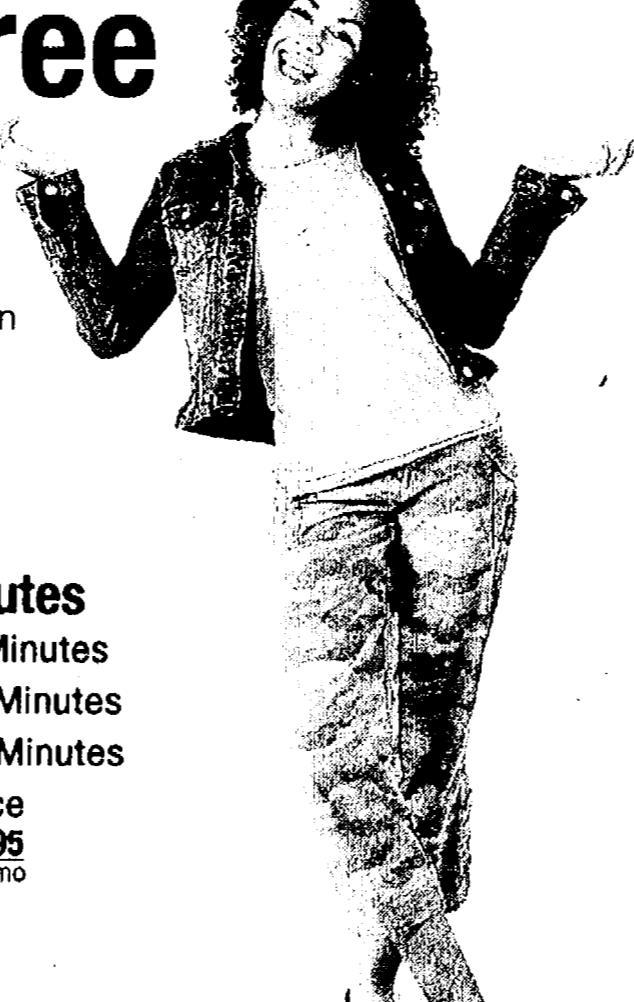
John Wilkosz of Manistee leads the points in the street stock division just six points ahead of Bill Myers Jr. of Houghton Lake. Myers picked up his first feature win of the season followed by Wilkosz, and Matthew Christiansen of Fruitport. Wilkosz earned his way into the feature with a second place finish in a semi-feature event.

The start of the street stock feature was slow with two cautions before the first lap was scored.

The semi-feature win went to Steve Sherwood Jr. of Merritt.

Heat wins went to Greg Grahek of Cadillac, Brad Siddall of Manton, Jim Carlson of Tustin and Myers.

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Scouts earn merit badges at camp

Local Boy Scout Troop 979 attended summer camp from June 26 through July 3 at Camp Tapico.

While at camp troop members worked on merit badges in swimming, archery, sailing, environmental science, rifle, personal fitness, and high and low C.O.P.E. (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience).

Low C.O.P.E. is done about two feet off the ground and promotes teamwork while high C.O.P.E. is done individually about 30 feet above the ground.

The group earned 39 merit badges while at camp with some individuals earning as many as five.

Among their serious activities were the flag retirement ceremony and a mock disas-

ter where they spent time working on their first aid skills.

However, they also had a chance to enjoy some games with caber tosses, two-person cross-cut log sawing and several water related games including a sandwich relay where the scoutmaster got to eat what was left of the sandwich after it traversed the water a few times.

CAMP TAPICO



Back row (left to right): Jeff Steffey, Tyler Steffey, Nick Steffey, Henry Lane, Norm Poll, Matt Hilbrecht, Aaron Stephan, Jim Hilbrecht, Wesley Lane, Bob Lane. Middle row (left to right): Brian Stewart, Leo Johnson, Sean Coe, Joe Somero, Kameron Hobson, Anthony Robinson, Adam Wargo, Jason Morrow, John Deffendall. Kneeling: Brent Steffey. Not pictured: Loren Goodale, scoutmaster.

Three Scouts from Troop 979 honored

Scouts Adam Wargo, Matt Hilbrecht and Joe Somero from Boy Scout Troop 979 were selected to receive the Order of the Arrow.

Class Scouts and have spent as least 15 nights camping including at least one long term (more than six nights) camp out.

The three new inductees will be attending a camp out just for Order of the Arrow members where they have to pass "the ordeal" according to scoutmaster Loren Goodale. The camp out, to be held near Rose City, will include new Order of the Arrow members from across a 19 county region.



New inductees into the Order of the Arrow are Adam Wargo, Matt Hilbrecht and Joe Somero of local Boy Scout Troop 979.

Scouts help clean-up after fireworks



In conjunction with the Grayling Youth Boosters Club, Boy Scout Troop 995 began cleaning the debris from the fireworks presentation at 6 a.m. on July 5. The clean-up took place at the Grayling Country Club golf course. Pictured from left to right: Dave Shriver, Josh Amesbury, Mike Dunckel, Storm Shriver, Mathew Dunckel, Tom Pilon, Brian Amesbury, and Jack Pilon. Present but not pictured: Scott Grougan, Nick Grougan and Alex Millar. Any boy interested in joining in scouting activities, learning about the community and the great outdoors can contact Scoutmaster Jim Pickell at 348-2870.



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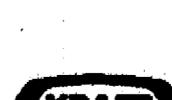
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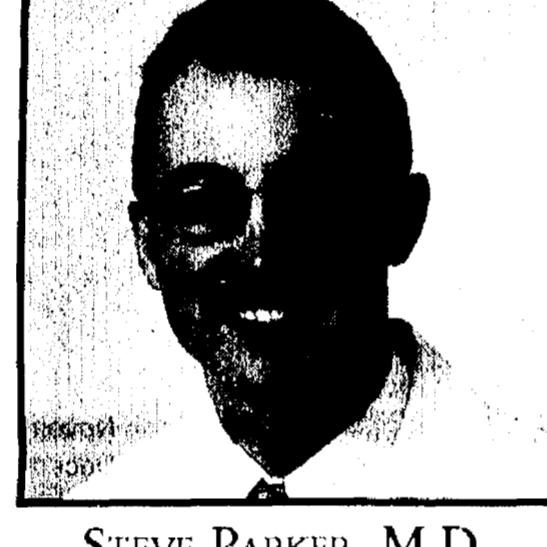


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HEARING

8/19/04

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will hold a public hearing on 8/19/04 @ 6 PM at Grayling Middle School, 500 Spruce St., Grayling, MI. 49738, to receive public comment on proposed rules for Regulation of Lands Administered by the Department of Natural Resources.

The proposed rule change will modify the requirement for a permit for commercial operations on state land. This will allow the MDNR to implement the requirement for a permit for commercial operations where the MDNR determines the commercial operation will have other than a minimal impact on the resource and the use of state land by others. Comments on the rule amendment may be made in person at the hearing, by mail or e-mail until 9/2/04.

These rules are promulgated by authority conferred on the Michigan Department of Natural Resources by section 504 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.504, and amends rule 299.922 regarding low-impact commercial use of state lands. These rules will take effect 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

Rule Set 2004-035 NR (Commercial Land Use) can be found at [HYPERLINK "http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/orr/"](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/orr/) www.michigan.gov/dnr/orr/ and in the Michigan Register. Copies of the draft rules may also be requested phone, mail, or email at:

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Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as follows:

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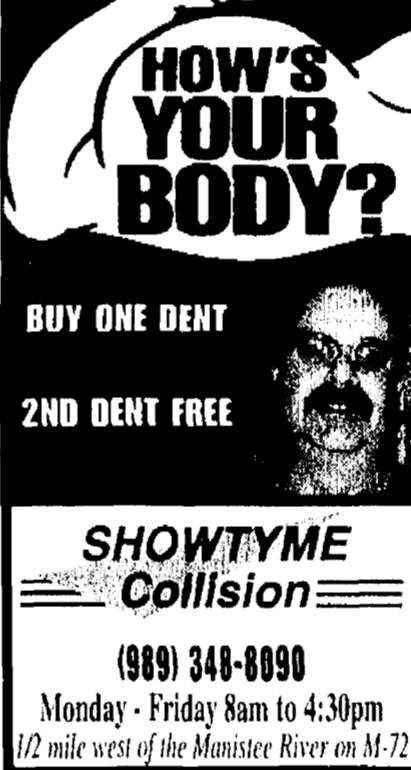
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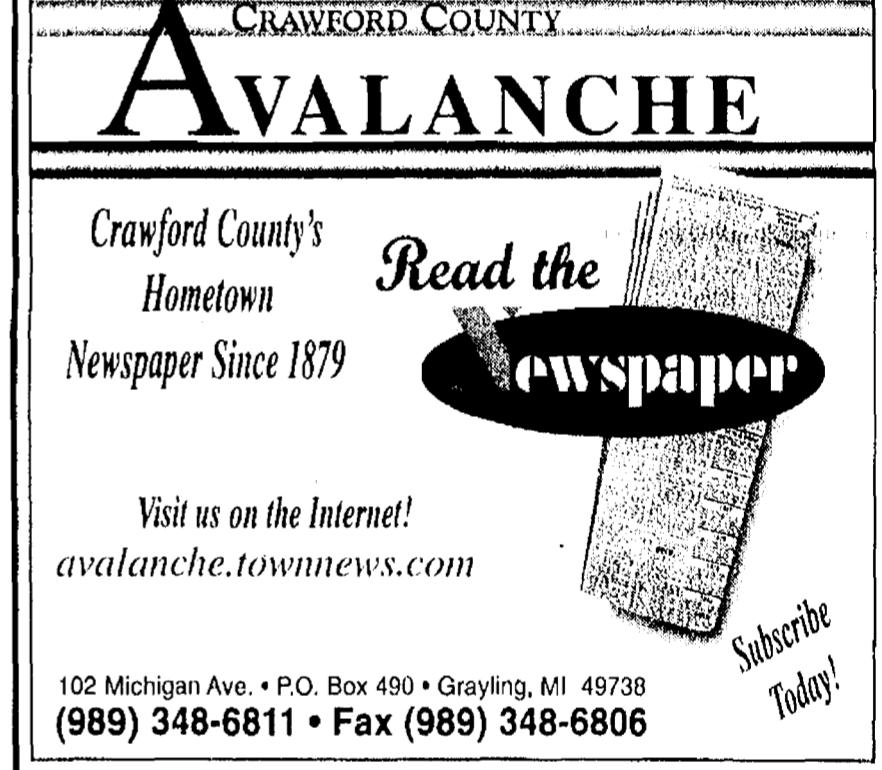
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on September 1, 2004.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 2 and 3, Block 32, Roffee's Addition to the City of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL A 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, Township 25 North, Range 3 West; thence East 200 feet; thence South 400 feet; thence West 200 feet; thence North 400 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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Mortgage, dated July 17, 1992,

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345, on page 227, Crawford County

Records, Michigan, on which mortgage

there is claimed to be due at the date hereof

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LEGAL ACTION

Notice Of Mortgage Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Daniel D. Peer and Michelle Peer, husband and wife, to First National Bank of America, dated August 21, 2002 and recorded on September 6, 2002 in Liber 595 page 54; Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$106,307.43.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, August 18, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. local time, at the front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 13.25 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 1 West, Township of South Branch.

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of sale.

Dated: July 9, 2004

Joseph B. Backus, attorney for mortgage holder

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Laura Ransom, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 14, 2000, and recorded on November 20, 2000 in Liber 523 on Page 128, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Four And 87/100 Dollars (\$49,444.87), including interest at 10% per annum.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 29, 2004

For more information, please call: FC

M 248.593.1306

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For CitiFinancial Mortgage

Company, Inc.

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #026216F01

-29-5-12-19

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The power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on September 1, 2004.

Dated: July 22, 2004

For more information, please call: FC

F 248.593.1313

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Attorneys For National City Mortgage

Company (ka First of America Loan Services, Inc.

30400 Telegraph Rd. Ste. 200

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Said premises are situated in Township

of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 1/2 of the Northwest 3/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, also known as parcel K-3; and the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, also being known as Parcel "D" and the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, including land lying Easterly of existing road. Also known as Parcel "H". Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 29, 2004

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



August 6, 1981 - Catching the egg during the Milltown Festival Egg Toss is only half of the sport. The other half is hoping the egg won't break as you catch it. This young man did sort of a dance while trying to catch his egg.

23 Years Ago August 6, 1981

The Salling Dam, built in 1914, is in need of repair, but it apparently will remain as an AuSable River landmark. The dam, located between Old Dam Road and AuSable Trail, was built around 1914 to generate electricity for the Grayling Electric Company. The dam produced hydro-electric power for about 25 years and then was sold in 1954 to the Salling Hanson Company.

Tony Doremire, named Citizen of the Year, took a well-deserved ride in the Milltown Parade. For years, Doremire has been doing the driving - in ambulances, one of several reasons he was picked Citizen of the Year.

James Koenig has been promoted to branch manager of the Grayling Branch Office for Stewart Sandwiches, Inc.

More than 80 kids enjoyed a magic show put on by magician

Stanley Susan during the Crawford County Library's Fun Hour last Wednesday.

46 Years Ago August 7, 1958

A crowd estimated at upwards of 5,000 watched Friday as sixteen of the nation's top archers battled it out for prize money in the Bear \$5,000 National Invitational Tournament that wrote the windup to the 13th Annual National Field Archery Tournament at Camp Grayling.

A new cement driveway has been laid at the Joseph Stripe home on Park Street.

Sniggen's Diggins, climaxing a five game winning streak with their third victory of the season over second place Millikin Construction, regained the lead in the close County Softball League race.

A three-mile section of reconstructed M-72 near the AuSable River in Crawford County and a

bridge to carry the highway over the river was opened to traffic August 4. Blue Water Excavating Co., Port Huron, was the contractor for the road work, which consists of correcting the poor alignment of the highway, and the construction of Smith Bridge.

A nice time was had at the town hall Saturday night when the Kupples Club met at the town hall. Games were played and a lunch of Jell-o, cup cakes and tea and coffee was served by Mrs. Brown, Mrs. A. Cox, and Mrs. M. Decker of Grayling.

The Millikin Family Reunion was held Sunday at the Hartwick Pines State Park with 77 members of the family on hand. A potluck picnic lunch was followed by an afternoon of baseball and games.

69 Years Ago August 8, 1935

A mailbox has been placed in front of the post office where the public may place outgoing mail when the post office is not open. The box was placed there through the courtesy of Postmaster McDonald and his clerks.

While huckleberrying by the river near Gierkes' last Thursday, Russell Peterson surprised and killed a good-sized diamondback rattlesnake with six rattles.

State police dropped into Grayling Wednesday afternoon and raided several business places of their slot machines.

George Sparkes has disposed of his fire and casualty insurance business to Frank Sales. He will continue his agency for the Sun Life Insurance.

Herbert Trudeau and family have moved from Peninsular Avenue to the H. Hum house

recently vacated by the Jack Clark family. The latter have moved into the Mrs. Rose Pond house on the highway.

A.J. Joseph and Emil Giegling are attending the Tiger-White Sox game in Detroit. They drove to Bay City and then from Bay City took the special baseball train to Detroit.

92 Years Ago

August 8, 1912

Crawford County Commercial Association was organized Tuesday with Rasmus Hanson as president, and the following directors: T.W. Hanson, Grayling; Thos. D. Meddic, Frederic, George Hartman, South Branch; Archie Howse, Maple Forest; L.B. Merrills, Beaver Creek; and George F. Owen, Decker of Grayling.

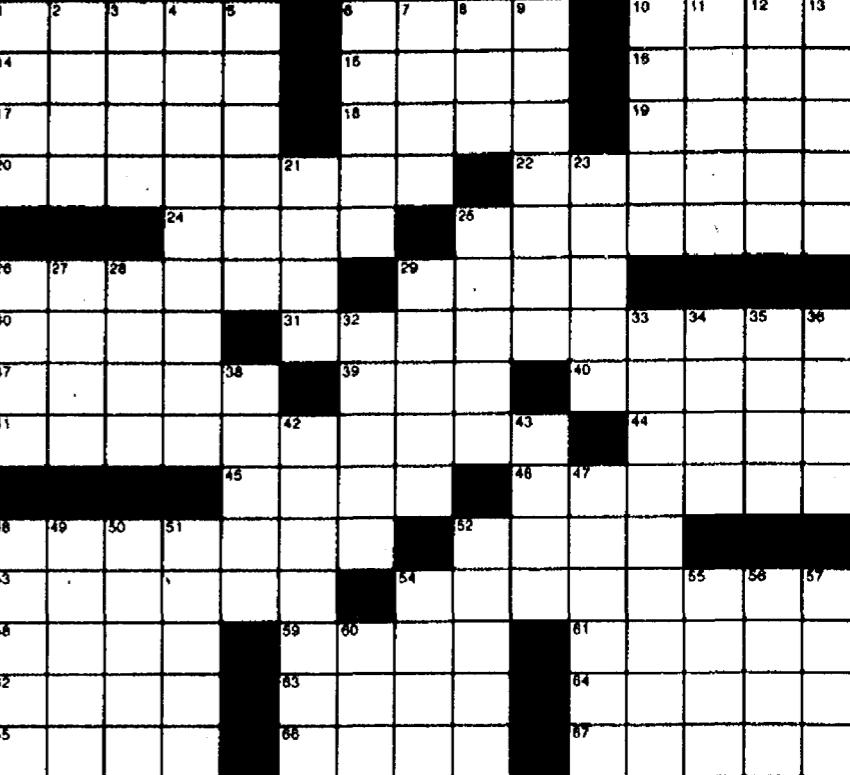
It is reported upon good authority that the Deward line of railroad now running to Frederic will be changed to run to Grayling. Also that the roundhouse will be moved to near T Town and enlarged to 24 stalls.

Glenn Penard is the new employee at Dawson's restaurant. Sidney Barber, having purchased the M. Dilly property in Frederic, is fixing up the residence part for renting and the store part is being fitted with big windows and skylights to be used as an art gallery.

George Collen and family, having sold out his interests in Frederic to Burke Bros., have hired themselves away off to Grayling where he has purchased property, where he expects to spend his remaining days.

Grant Shellenbarger is enjoying a trip down the AuSable River with parties from Detroit.

CROSSWORD



ANSWERS

Across

- Rude and disrespectful.
- Relating to artists or the fine arts.
- Withered.
- Views of natural features.
- Deviating erratically from a course.
- Marked with a date.
- Wishes that something had never taken place.
- Gershwin, first lyricist awarded a Pulitzer Prize.
- People in charge of a congregation.
- Another word for wastrel.
- The day of two.
- Agreement to end hostilities.
- Formal declarations to fulfill a pledge.
- Series of rows placed one above the other.
- Smallest animals of the litter.
- Archaic second-person singular present tense of can.
- Order to withhold payment on a check.
- Figure of unquestioned authority.
- Liberal, a nonscientific branch of learning.
- Belgium, city located on the DeMer River.
- Munro, contemporary short-story writer.
- Suited for a particular purpose.
- Origin.
- Hannah, English religious writer and social reformer.
- Vehicle mounted on runners.
- Flat, thin, circular plates.
- Joan Hart, Sabrina the Teenage Witch.
- Slender, rigid or bristly, spiny animal or plant part.
- Something that fits badly.
- Brazilian dance characterized by a pip and spring upward at each beat of the music.
- Sacred song used in worship.
- Away from others.
- Immerses until thoroughly saturated.
- Combining form meaning "well."
- Plant of the genus Linum.
- Human bone extending from the elbow to the wrist.
- Salem, Mohammed in Rendezvous in Samarkand.
- David, lyricist of "Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head."

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

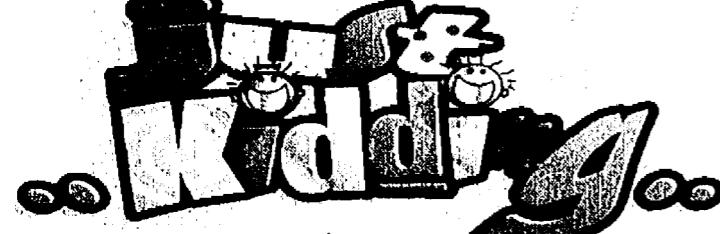


Spaghetti Rigati With Olive-Pesto

1 pound Spaghetti Rigati
1 cup extra-virgin olive oil, divided
4 anchovy fillets (optional)
12 Calamata olives, pitted
2 tablespoons capers
1/3 cup shelled walnuts
4 garlic cloves, lightly smashed
1/4 cup chopped Italian parsley
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

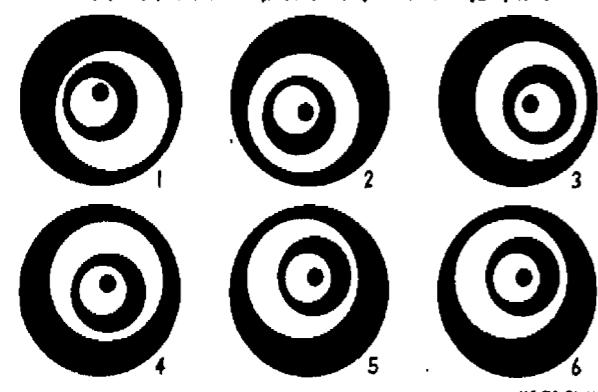
COOK Spaghetti Rigati 5 minutes according to package directions in lightly salted water; drain and return to

pot. MEANWHILE, blend 1/2 cup of the oil, anchovies, olives, capers and walnuts in a blender or food processor until fairly smooth; set aside. HEAT remaining olive oil in large skillet and add garlic. Cook garlic over medium-low heat until golden in color, about 5 minutes. Remove garlic from the oil and discard; add parsley. ADD drained pasta to oil and toss to coat. Add olive pesto sauce and toss again until pasta is coated with sauce. Transfer to a serving platter; sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese. Makes 6 servings.



FIND THE TWINS

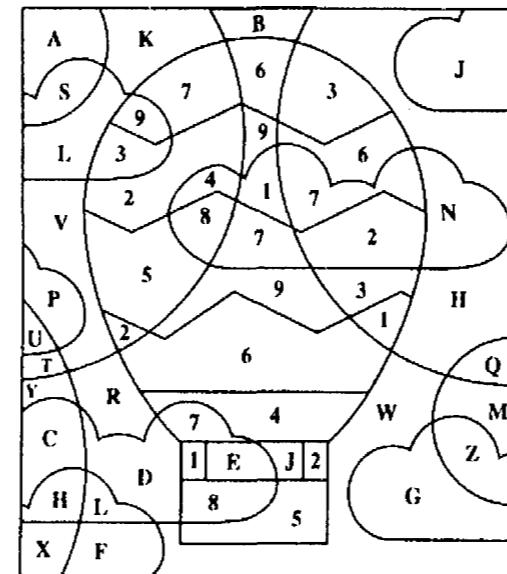
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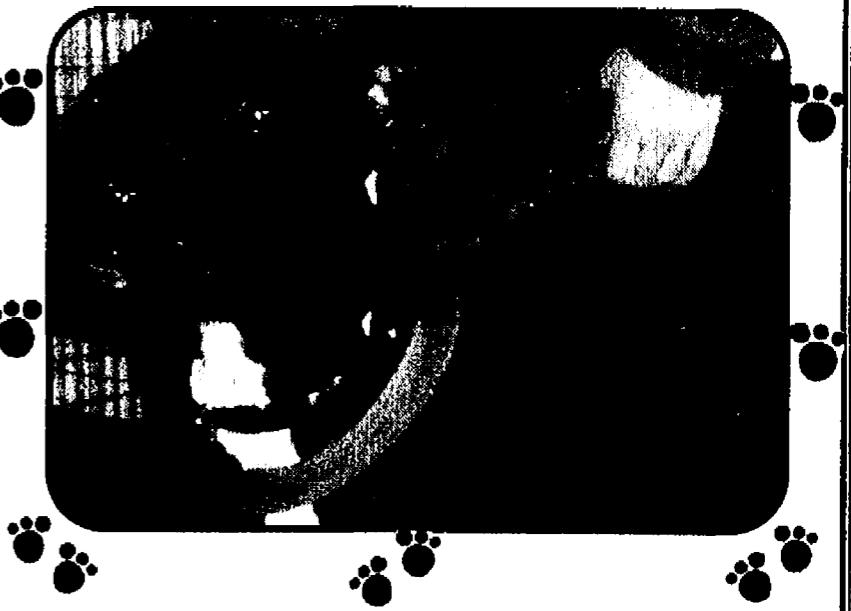
A 2x4 is
actually
1-1/2" x 3-1/2"

HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

ADOPT A PET



Amy is a spayed female Staffordshire Terrier. She is not good with other female dogs. She has all of her shots and seems to be housebroken. For more information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: www.ascc.petfinder.com

Help build a new shelter by purchasing a "Driving into the Future Raffle" ticket for a chance to win a brand new 2005 Dodge Durango! Tickets are \$100.00 each and only 2,000 will be sold. Anyone who would like a ticket should send a check or money order for the amount of tickets requested to: Animal Shelter Crawford County, Raffle Tickets, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738.

Keep your pet cool and healthy this summer by providing fresh water and a shady area. Avoid leaving your pets in your vehicle. Even with the windows down a bit, the interior temperature can rise to 120 degrees within 10 minutes when the temperature is 80 degrees outside.

Two barrels have been placed near the gates of the shelter to receive donations of return-deposit cans and bottles. Also, a few Creature Comfort Cookbooks are still available at Riverland Gear and the Avalanche in Grayling for a donation of \$15 each and the new 2005 Pet and Dog Calendars are on sale at the Avalanche for a donation of \$5 each.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:

508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. and Holidays 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week			Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Rain		Rain		Rain	
7/28	76	53	0					
7/29	85	53	0					
7/30	82	63	0	High	High	High	High	High
7/31	72	60	0	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
8/1	78	47	0	48	48	52	52	54
8/2	83	56	0	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Scattered Showers	Mostly Sunny
8/3	85	59	0.30					

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of August 5, 2004

	The world is at your feet. You can do almost anything and do it well. A stranger gives you the ultimate compliment.	December 22 - January 19
	A young friend makes a challenge. Go ahead and accept it. You will come out on top. Something at home throws you for a loop.	March 21 - April 19
	You're a hit at work. Take advantage of your newfound fame to resolve issues, make changes and introduce ideas.	April 20 - May 18
	Office gossip gets the best of you. Find someone to vent to and make a vow to stay out of the loop from now on.	May 19 - June 17
	Life is going well, too well perhaps. Problems are about to crop up at home. Deal with them quickly! A package reminds you of an upcoming event.	June 18 - July 22
	You tend to overreact. Keep that in mind when a coworker makes a crass remark. Is it really bad enough to cause a stir about?	July 23 - August 22
	You're confronted about an acquaintance's slip-up. Stay mum. You weren't there to see it, so you don't have all the facts.	September 23 - October 22
	You do your best to stay out of other people's business, but this time, you have no other choice. A relative has a problem and needs help.	October 23 - November 21
	An old friend makes some demands. Be receptive to their wishes but don't rearrange your life just to accommodate them.	November 22 - December 21
	The deadline on a project is fast approaching. Start dallying around and get your act together. Your team is counting on you.	January 19 - March 18

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN Properties www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99t/f/1)

1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE 2 bedroom, 2 plus car garage. Totally remodeled. 100 yards from Lake Margarethe access. \$68,800. 348-4443 or 517-202-2586. (-29-5-12-19/1)

1. Real Estate

HOME IN TOWN for sale by owner. 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Fenced backyard. Full basement. Call for appointment. 348-7246. (-15-22-29-5/1)

1. Real Estate

RECENTLY FORECLOSED, land contract terms available. Newer 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on 1.9 acres at 3430 W. Beaver off Military Road 5 miles North of US 27 exit in Grayling. \$89,900 with \$5,000 down, 11%, 15 year payments of \$965. Drive by then call owner Mr. Shepherd. (517)336-7626 (No calls before driving by). (-22-29-5/1)

1. Real Estate

NEW NEW NEW JJ's Auto Glass (a division of JJ's Motor Mall) Complete auto glass service. Deductibles waived up to \$150.00, stone chips fixed, windshield repair and replacement. Stop in for a free estimate. JJ's Auto Glass (across from Skip's) M-72 West 348-7710. (5/27/2004t/f/1)

2. For Rent

NORTHWOOD RENTALS is taking applications to fill upcoming vacancies at our property located on Heather Lane off North Down River Road in Grayling. These two bedroom duplex apartments all have attached garage, washer hook up, and lots of storage. Snow plowing is included. Rent is \$550.00 plus cleaning deposit. Call 989-344-8787. (-7/8/04t/f/2)



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2.5 ACRES ADJOINING HURON NATIONAL FOREST. Remodeled 3 Bed, 1 3/4 bath, open great room w/ vinyl wood ceiling. Stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer, and more. BEST-OF-ALL: 30x40 insulated heated garage. Roof maintenance included in tax bill. Remodeled updated features include vinyl siding, roof, six windows, hickory kitchen cabinets, deck, paint, ceramic tile, bathrooms, furnace, well, most appliances, doors and storm doors. CH-1784 \$39,500



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL LOCATED ON I-75 BUSINESS LOOP. Price includes all equipment and furnishings to operate commercial kitchen, banquet and special occasions' rental, large paved parking lot. Has frontage on three major city streets, excellent location for your commercial usage. \$295,000 CH-1880

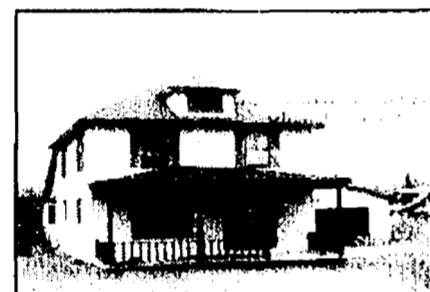


CITY LOCATION WITH DOUBLE CORNER LOT. Full finished basement, newly remodeled including hardwood flooring, windows, siding, 3 br, 2 bath, two car detached garage. \$78,900. CH-1932



10 ACRES BEAUTIFUL ROLLING HARDWOODS This 3BR, 2BA home is only 4 years old, and includes most of the furniture, and all appliances. The main living area has vaulted ceilings, and master BR includes a walk-in closet and a full bath. There is a large covered deck off the back that overlooks the naturally landscaped 10 acres. A 4-wheel drive truck/pow and riding mower are also available. CH-1927 \$93,000

Above the Crowd!



MINI FARM ON 2.59 ACRES. Remodeled two story farm house. Features include 1,680 s.f. living area, 3 B/R, 2 bath, basement and garage. Drywall throughout, Bay window in dining room, garden window in kitchen, newer electrical, furnace, vinyl siding, 4 inch well, septic system, decks, covered porch, lawn front and side yards. Seller in process of moving. New carpet in living room, B/R, bath and stairway. Hardwood floors in entry, and stairs. Garage possession not until weather permits. CH-1884 \$106,900

505 FEET OF PRIME COMMERCIAL FRONTOAGE ON M-72 WEST! Cleared building site with mixture of trees. Corner of M-72 West and AuSable Trail Road. Cash/Possible Land Contract. CS-1415 \$126,500



SURROUNDED WITH HARDWOODS New home with 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths and detached garage. Master Suite offers garden tub, separate shower and skylight. Kitchen offers beautiful oak cabinets with snack bar, garbage disposal, refrigerator with ice and water maker, gas stove, and built-in microwave. Washer and dryer. Peaked ceilings. Oak entertainment center in living room. Immediate Possession at Closing. CS-1793 \$86,900

HARBOR BEACH WITH DEEDED CANAL FRONTAGE AND PRIVATE SHARED SANDY BEACH of shared private beach on Lake Margrethe. 3 story Chalet offers 3BR, 3 1/2 BA with 1800 square feet. This home is perfect for a vacation or full time residence. Includes central air, 2 stoves, 2 refrigerators, microwave, garbage disposal, washer & dryer. Extensive cedar deck off living room on upper level offers breath taking views. Beams, ceilings and picket walls. Large windows. Corner lot. Backs to private driveway. Mature Red Pines on property. Newer roof on house and garage. Property adjoins private bucktail park to the north. Includes a 2 car garage, 20x20 deck, and a basketball court. Private road is plowed. Annual Dues \$200. CS-1953 \$191,500

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TWO BEDROOM MOBILE for rent. \$400 989-348-5278 references. Some pet restrictions. Also, vacant lot available. (-5-12-19-26/2)

CLEAN 2 BEDROOM mobile with storage barn and washer & dryer. Three miles from town \$425 a month, security deposit, references required. No pets. 348-8386. (-29-5/2)

CLEAN 2 BEDROOM mobile with storage barn. 7 miles east of Grayling. \$375 a month. Security deposit, references required. No pets. 348-8386. (-15-22-29-5/2)

VACATION CABIN ON AUS-ABLE River for rent completely furnished. One room, sleeps four. Great fishing. Available May 1st, for rates call 989-348-8350. (4/15/04f/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE Privacy, large yard, 325.00 plus 375 security. Please call 348-2458. (-29-5/2)

LAKE FRONT HOME 3 bedroom, 2 bath on Lake Margrethe only 5 miles from town. No smoking, no pets. First and last months rent and references required. July is reserved for owner. \$900 per month. Call 989-348-5355 between 9am and 7pm. (-5/2)

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DuBois Rental Center. Tents, Tables & Chairs, Lawn & Concrete Tools Available (989) 348-9000 5615 W. M-72, Grayling, MI 49738

3 BEDROOM HOME Grayling Mobile Estates \$550 per month plus utilities and deposit 348-8642. 103 Alexia. (-5-12/2)

2 BEDROOM HOUSE in town. Energy efficient. \$500 a month plus utilities/deposit. 348-2473. (-5/2)

FOR RENT large 3 bedroom, 2 bath house, furnished. On East Branch of AuSable. \$700 a month plus utilities. References plus deposit. No pets. (616) 454-4045. (-5-12/2)

3 BEDROOM 1 1/2 bath house with view of Lake Margrethe. \$600 a month rent plus deposit and lease. 989-348-4443. (-7/29/04f/2)

2 BEDROOM DUPLEX lawn care, laundry hookup, remodeled, no-smoking. \$405. 8114 Insley Ave. 348-2178. (-6/24/04f/2)

NICE CLEAN THREE BED-ROOM home, remodeled, nice neighborhood, one car garage, non-smoking. \$615. 506 Chestnut Street. 348-2178. (6/24/04f/2)

KUBOTA LOADER back hoe rent by the day or week \$175. 989-348-9714. (-LR9/23/04/2)

FOR RENT - Nice clean two bedroom mobile with garage, washer, dryer and appliances. \$425 month plus deposit. No pets. 348-2418. (-5-12/2)

NEWER 3 BEDROOM home, 2 baths with 2 car garage near Old 27 in Beaver Creek Twp. No pets. \$650 a month with one month security deposit. 989-275-2804. (-5/2)

FOR RENT one bedroom house with garage. Close to town. Suitable for couple or single person. No smoking, no pets. Rent \$450.00, security deposit \$450.00. Available in late September. References. Call 348-5524. (-5-19/2)

PART-TIME HELP WANT-ED: American Legion Lounge is looking for a part time bartender. 2 nights a week, Sunday nights a must. If interested, stop in and pick-up an application. (-29-5-12/19/3)

FOR LEASE COMMERCIAL Building. Approximately 4,000 ft, great retail location at light on M-72 West and 93. Call for details. (989) 348-8659 (11/20/03f/2)

1-2 BEDROOM upstairs apartment, downtown Grayling. No smoking, no pets. First, last and security deposit, \$375 a month plus utilities. Available now. If interested, call 989-348-2833. (4/15/04f/2)

SPACIOUS 2 BEDROOM 2 bath duplex. Large master suite. Glass in dining room and shared garage. Off Eagle Point Road. Available immediately. no smoking, no pets. \$600 plus utilities. 231-263-0231. (-7/15/04f/2)

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY house rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, Higgins Lake and Houghton Lake. Higgins North Cottage Rentals. (989) 821-3434 (12/25/03f/2)

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for 3 bedroom, 1 bath mobile home with 2 car garage. Located in Grayling Mobile Estates. Natural gas, cable, and close to town. \$585.00 a month plus deposit. For more information call 989-344-2053. (-8/5/04f/2)

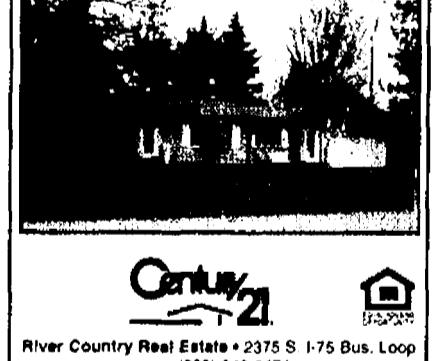
THE CROFT furnished vacation cabin by Lake Margrethe with gas fireplace, full kitchen, lake access. Sleeps six. For rates call 989-348-7107. Rent by weekend or week. A non smoking facility. (-5-12-19-26/2)

ATTENTION DRIVERS no experience necessary! TMC transportation needs drivers. \$650/week guaranteed. \$\$\$ plus potential. Off weekends!! For CDL training with C.D.I 1-800-882-7364. (-5-19/2/3)

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RESPITE CARE PROVIDER

The Crawford County Commission on Aging is accepting applications for a part-time Respite Care Provider. Duties include supervision and assistance with ADLs/IADLs. Preferred candidate will have two years caregiving experience or Nurse's Aide certification. Application packets can be picked up at 308 Lawndale, Grayling. Deadline is 5:00pm 8/17/04. (-5-12/3)

TITLE COMPANY seeking title escrow and clerical personnel. Experience preferred, but not required. PO Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738 Attn: TCS. (-22-29-5-12/3)

FLEET/TERMINAL MANAGER position available in Northern Michigan. Company has excellent long term growth opportunity. Individual must have motivational skills and business acumen. Experience with transportation fleet management a must. Competitive salary with profit incentive, health insurance, employer matching 401(k), and section 125 plan. If you fit the criteria please fax your resume to (989)356-3628, or mail to Michigan Wood Carriers, Inc. P.O. Box 678, Alpena, MI 49707, or e-mail to: yvonne_bahlung_gc@chartermi.net. (-29-5/3)

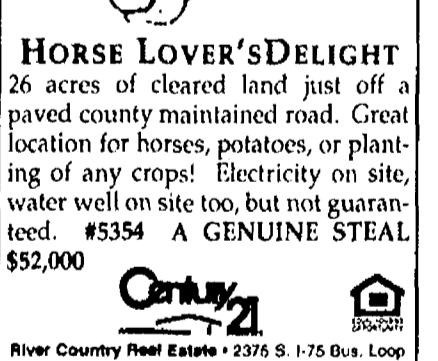
HOSPICE RN OPENINGS:

Full-time and contingent. One plus years of professional nursing experience required. Med/Surg or ICU skills desirable. Homecare/Hospice experience preferred with ability to learn automated clinical documentation system. Excellent wages/mileage reimbursement. On-call responsibilities. Send or fax resume to Brenda Lake, Business/Facilities Manager, Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice, 201 Meadows Drive, Suite A, Grayling, MI 49738, fax 989-348-0047. Phone 989-348-0044. Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice is committed to the Mission and Values as set forth by Trinity Health. Mercy Amicare is committed to achieving diversity in the workplace and is an equal opportunity employer. (7/29/04f/3)

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CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE

wanted contingent for home health. Provides paraprofessional services to the organization's home care clients as developed by the primary nurse and as prescribed by the physician and in compliance with the State Nurse Practice Act, and any other regulations defining home health aide services. Candidate will have a high school diploma or GED and certification from training program through practical training as required by Federal Law and or state laws. One year experience as an aide in home care or institutional setting. Contact Maureen Hayes at 1-800-424-1457, fax 989-348-0046, or send a resume to Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice, 201 Meadows Drive, Suite A, Grayling, MI 49738; jill@huronpines.org by August 20, 2004. All applications MUST include: cover letter, resume, and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three references. (-5-12/3)

REGISTERED NURSE position opening. Full time, great pay, great working environment. A 120 bed skilled nursing facility located in Grayling Michigan. Apply today at Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation Community, 331 Meadows Dr., Grayling, MI. (-5/3)

CERTIFIED DIETARY MANAGER/Registered Dietitian position opening. Full time, great pay, great working environment.

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HIRING FOR EXPERIENCED dependable cook. Lovells Riverside Tavern. Apply in person 6535 East County Road 612. (-5-12/3)

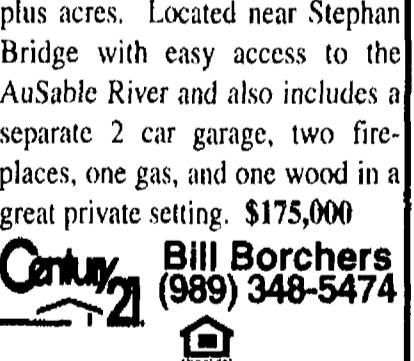
CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANTS Mercy Hospital Grayling - is seeking Certified Nurse Assistants for part-time positions on the afternoon shift in our long-term care facility must have current Nursing Assistant Certification with experience in long term care preferred. We offer competitive wages and an excellent fringe benefit package. Interested persons please contact Human Resources: Mercy Hospital, 1100 E. Michigan Ave. Grayling, Michigan 49738. Phone (989)348-0570, fax (989)348-0485. (-5/3)

WATERSHED PLANNER

Looking for a self-starter with experience in the area of water resource management. Demonstrated interest and background in some of the following

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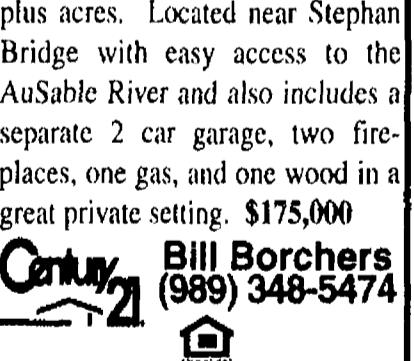
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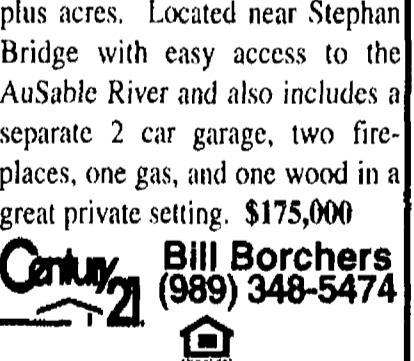
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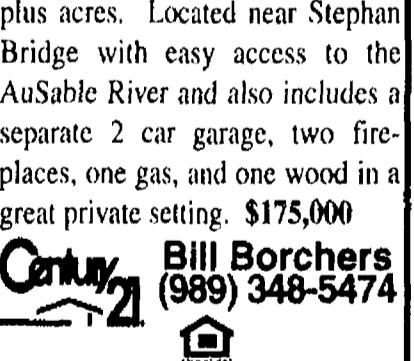
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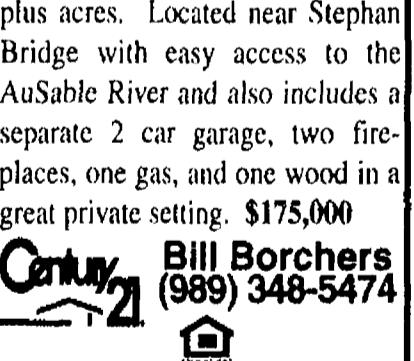
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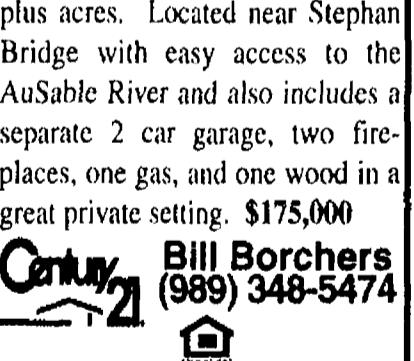
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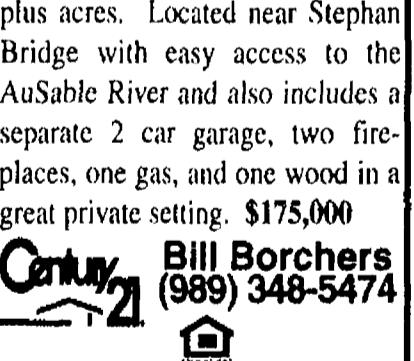
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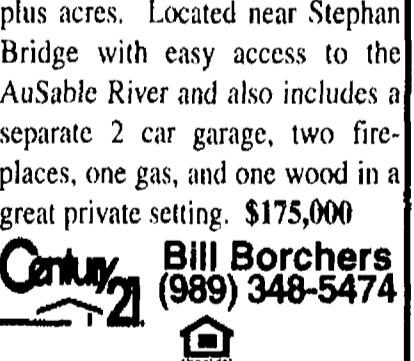
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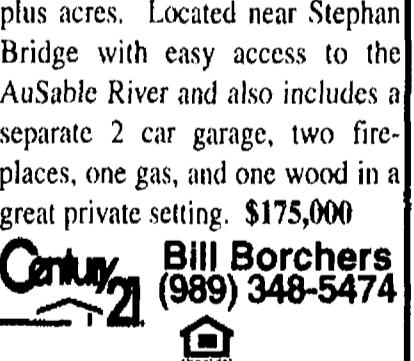
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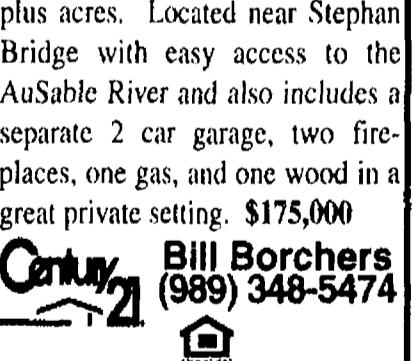
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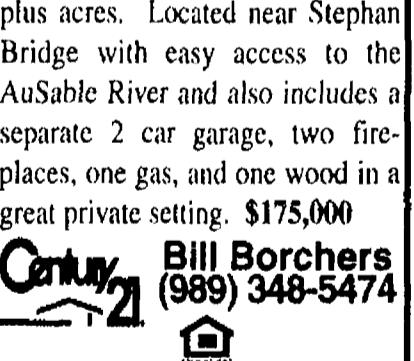
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GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB seeking applicants for general manager position. Responsible for the clubhouse and proshop operations. Send resume to 344 Golfview Drive Grayling, MI. 49738. (-5/12/3)

KING NURSING CENTRE Accepting applications for Dietary Aide/Cook. Part time position available. 35 hours every two weeks. Apply at 2280 Tower Hill Road, or call Lois at 422-5153 or fax your resume to 989-422-6721. (-29/5/3)

KING NURSING and Rehabilitation Community taking applications for Certified Nursing Aide Training class which will be held sometime in August. Apply for a seat in the class by completing an application at 2280 Tower Hill Road. Instructor: Cindy at 422-5153. (-29/5/3)

MEDICAL STAFF COORDINATOR Mercy Hospital Grayling is seeking the exceptional person to fill a full-time position as a Medical Staff Coordinator. The successful candidate will have an Associates Degree in Secretarial Science or related areas typing 60 WPM and working knowledge of Word Database Management, PowerPoint and Excel. Excellent oral and written communication skills as well as great organizational skills. Interested persons please contact: Human Resources Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Ave, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (989)348-0570 fax (989)348-0485. (-5/3)

AUTO TECHNICIAN - Light duty auto technician. Requires state certification and tools. Excellent pay and fringe benefits. Friendly, professional dealership working environment. Plenty of work available. Call Dave Petrie, Service Manager at Scheer Motors in Grayling, MI (989) 348-5451 for interview appointment. (-7/29/04f/3)

4. Services Offered

I CHARGE BY THE job, not by the hour. Yard work, mowing. Car cleaning, detailing, washing and waxing cars, trucks and vans. 348-5081. (-5/4)

STUMP GRINDING at reasonable prices. Phone 348-8066. (-4/29/04f/4)

PROBLEMS WITH POPUPS adware, viruses? contact Done Once Computer Service at 989-348-4372 or doneconcecomputerservice@yahoo.com The price is only \$35.00 to relieve your stress. (-5/12/4)

3. Employment

POSITION OPENINGS

Typesetter - Part-Time Must possess good typing skills with computer experience. Must be reliable and able to work within deadlines.

Send Resumes to:

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P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738

Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice is seeking to fill the position of **Full-time Homecare/Hospice Scheduler**. This person is responsible for scheduling all homecare/hospice caregivers, including therapies. Must utilize continuity, geography of caregivers in relationship to staff, and meeting our clients needs as a foremost guide. May also provide backup to intake and insurance for support coverage. May provide multiple site support. Qualifications include a high school diploma or GED, 1 year of prior scheduling in a healthcare setting, exceptional computer and communication skills, and the ability to accept challenges and focus on process improvement.

For confidential interview, contact: Brenda Lake, Business & Facilities Manager.

989-348-0044 or FAX resume to: 989-348-0047

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Make the most money for the hours you want to work with our exciting new contingent pay plan. This pay plan is great because it's all about you! You determine how much or how little you want to work and then wait for the cash to roll in. We match your pay according to what you want to do. The more you want to do, the more you will make. We are one of the only home health agencies to provide a pension plan and a 403B retirement savings plan for contingent employees! Qualifications: Homecare experience preferred with well developed assessment skills. We utilize an automated documentation system, experience with this a plus. Candidate must be a graduate from an accredited school and have a current Michigan RN license. Requires a minimum of 1 year of professional nursing experience. Ability to assess and act upon client needs without direct supervision. We are a part of the 3rd largest Catholic healthcare system in the country, so there is plenty of room to grow. We only hire awesome people, so it is a great place to work. If you want to work with people who believe in a mission, put quality first, and we are willing to pay for it...fax your resume to Brenda Lake, Business Manager.

Fax 989-348-0047 for immediate consideration

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT position: Part-time Administrative Assistant needed to assist in overall agency administration and general office work. Excellent skills needed in organization, communication and computer data base management. Proficient in computer programs: Microsoft Word, Excel, and Access. Ability to work well with others. Send cover letter with resume by August 23, 2004 to: Executive Director, PO Box 457, Gaylord, MI 49734. EOE. (-5/12/3)

LICENSED DAYCARE provider has one opening for ages 18 months and older. Open Monday-Friday, 7am-6pm. Call 348-9058. (-29/5/4)

DRIVER'S TRAINING and road testing for cars and motorcycles is offered by the Grayling Driver's Training School. Register now for the September 13 or November 16 class. Contact Howard Lehti 348-8838. Lowest rates in Northern Michigan - 32 years experience. (LR9/9/04/4)

SPARKLE, SHIMMER and Shine - That's how your car, truck or van will look after being detailed at JJ's Motor Mall. Detail includes wash, wax, steam clean carpets and seats, windows, trunk and tires. Appointments necessary. M-72 West (across from Skip's Sport Shop). (989) 348-7710 (-6/24/04f/4)

NEW NEW NEW JJ's Auto Glass (a division of JJ's Motor Mall) Complete auto glass service. Deductibles waived up to \$150.00, stone chips fixed, windshield repair and replacement. Stop in for a free estimate. JJ's Auto Glass (across from Skip's) M-72 West 348-7710. (5/27/2004f/4)

LAWN MAINTENANCE - Mowing, tree and limb removal and specializing in tree manicuring. 30 years experience - insured. Also power washing - driveways, house and decks, etc. Water proofing - light hauling. Reasonable Prices. Home - 989-348-4217, cell 989-348-0987. (-5/12-19-26/4)

ROOFING, ROOFING and more roofing. Plus all kinds of carpenter work. Years of experience. Try and find a lower bid. All work guaranteed. Call today 989-348-5428. Cell 989-390-3774. (-05/06/04f/4)

CHILD'S PLAY licensed day care providers offering a fun learning environment, now enrolling full time 0 to 4 years old. Call today 348-4249. #DF200263769. (-5/12-19-26/4)

KATZ CLEANING SERVICE for all your residential or business cleaning needs. Steam cleaning of carpets and upholstery. Quality work at an affordable price with references, senior discounts. Call (989) 275-4236, (989) 390-0004 or (989) 275-5476. (12/25/03f/4)

RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior home improvement needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-5/12-19-26/4)

QUALITY CONSTRUCTION roofing, siding, decks. Senior discounts. We'll beat any price. Quality work, affordable prices, plenty of references. Licensed and insured. Call 348-5817. (-LR10/28/04/4)

COLLEN MASONRY basements, crawls, garages, cultured stone, driveways, licensed, insured. Phone 989-348-6184, cell 989-390-0767. (LR8/12/04/4)

TOM'S POLE BUILDINGS Free quotes on all size buildings. Featuring Ultra 2000 siding & roofing. 4050 Industrial Dr., Harrison, Michigan 1 (800) 541-3974 tomspolebuildings.com (2/7/02f/4)

5. For Sale

2001 VIKING Pop-up awning, screen room, front storage, 19 foot. \$4500 989-344-6604 248-830-9521. (-29/5/5)

WENONAH MARATHON RACING canoe Kevlar hull, \$350. 2 carbon fiber racing paddles \$125 each. 989-734-2198. (-5/5)

15 FOOT ALUMINUM run about Del Ray with 45 HP Chrysler motor and tilt trailer. Runs great. \$875 989-348-7832. Lake Margrethe. (-29/5/5)

GOOD USED LAWN MOWERS - \$30.00 and up! Maple Forest Small Engine Repair, 348-8217. (-5/12/5)

OMC MODEL 500 Deck Boat with trailer - \$2800. 200 HP V8 runs good, custom cover and canopy. Out drive needs repair - call Larry at 348-5940. (-5/5)

CUSTOM SIGNS AND LETTERING for your business, truck, trailer, boat, etc. Call Pete Koefas 989-348-8627. (05/13/04f/7)

FRED BEAR CAMPFIRE STORIES all new audio CD. Call Pete Koefas 989-348-8627 or www.FredBearCampfireStories.com. (-6/24/04f/7)

CIGARETTE PRICES BREAKING you? Huge savings, premium cigarettes from \$9.95, all brands. Call 1-877-945-6229, mention reference number 42600 for \$5 off first order. (-5/7)

EXPERIENCED BOATS LOOKING for new homes. Bow Riders - Fishing boats with Cuddy Cabins, starting at \$2000. Old Point Comfort Marine - 4629 W. Higgins Lake Dr., Higgins Lake. 989-821-5692. (-29/5/5)

ALUMINUM 75" x 63" pick up cab with canoe racks. \$100 348-4502. (-7/1/2004f/5)

QUEEN SIZE PILLOW TOP mattress and box springs new in plastic with Amish made pine log headboard. Cost \$995 will sacrifice for \$285. Call (989) 429-0062. (7/3/03f/5)

QUEEN SIZE MATTRESS set with Amish made pine log headboard and free frame still in plastic, never used. Cost \$800, will sacrifice for \$235. Call (989) 429-0062. (7/3/03f/5)

AMISH BUILT pine log bed. Queen size, beautiful must see. Will sell for \$265. Queen size mattress set, new in plastic with free frame will sacrifice \$150. Call (989) 429-0062. (7/3/03f/5)

SNAPPER RIDING MOWER 8 HP rear engine in good condition \$350. 348-2134. (-5/5)

ELECTRIC KENMORE STOVE \$135. 1 year old, used only 6 months. Must sell. Wendy 989-348-5848. (-5/5)

4. Services Offered

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7. Miscellaneous

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8. Announcements

SPARKLE, SHIMMER and Shine: That's how your car, truck or van will look after being detailed at JJ's Motor Mall. Detail includes wash, wax, steam clean carpets and seats, windows, trunk and tires. Appointments necessary. M-72 West (across from Skip's Sport Shop). (989) 348-7710 (-6/24/04f/8)

CLUB KENO & PULL TABS at the Gray Rock Cafe! The Gray Rock Cafe has given away over \$90,000 to its patrons. Join the fun at 2123 Industrial Drive, Grayling. (-05/06/04f/8)

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER practice begins August 9th. Practice runs from 8 to 9:30 and from 10:30 to 12:30. Need physical to participate. (-5/8)

I MICHAEL RICHARD KELLY am no longer responsible for Nicole Suzanne Magg-Kelly's debts. (-15-22-29-5-12-19-26/8)

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10. Garage Sales

YARD SALE! 80 N. Roberts. Friday, August 6th, 12 to 6. Saturday, August 7th, 10 to 4. Items for kitchens, dining, and living rooms. Finally unpacked lots of new items off North Down River Road. (-5/10)

YARD SALE Beasley Avenue and 4 Mile. Something for everyone. Saturday and Sunday 10am to 5pm. (-5/10)

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE 607 Michigan Avenue. Friday/Saturday, 8:00am. Sale includes furniture, freezer, lawn mower, artificial flowers, movies, bedding, bath, kitchen wares, country crafts, retired Teacher's supplies, Play Station games, all types of clothing (A.E., A&F, Structure, Hollister, etc.) and much much more. (-5/10)

10. Garage Sales

SOME OF MY SISTERS estate - Aug 6 & 7. Jewelry, camping items, travel bags, auto harp, antiques, complete satellite system. 207 Alexia Ln., Grayling Mobile Estates. (-5/10)

GARAGE SALE at 1713 Shaw Park Rd. Books, collectible beanies, clothes, bikes, exercise bike, albums, and many other items. August 7th and 8th from 8am to 4pm. (-5/10)

CLEAN SWEEP GARAGE sale Friday & Saturday, August 6th and 7th 8:00am-4:00pm. 6549 Hanner Trail (first road to the right off of Old Dam Road. 3rd house on the right). (-5/10)

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY 3687 Twin Pine Road. 10am-6pm, 10-6, 10-6 August 6, 7 & 8. (-5/10)

SATURDAY AUGUST 7 from 10-6pm, North Down River Rd. to Wilcox Bridge Rd. to Jones Lake Rd. to 562 Pine Oak Trail (at fork bear right, second drive on left). (-5/10)

GARAGE SALE Friday August 6 and Saturday August 7 9-5. Adult and children's books including Junie B Jones, Danielle Steele; movies; nice clothing, girls size 6x and boys size 8-10; toys; 2 free working freezers; weight bench with weights; antique school desk; Super Nintendo with several games and much more. I-75 South to 4 Mile exit, right on 4 Mile Rd., left on King Road, right on 5 Mile Road, 1st house on right. (-5/10)

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, August 6 & 7, 10am. Refrigerator, snow blower, 98 Chevy Van, furniture, handicap, household misc. 72 West to 93 South, Margrethe to Collen. (-5/10)

MARY IS HAVING A huge sale - Saturday and Sunday 9-3. Something for everyone, all items are 90% excellent condition and 20% good condition. Boys clothes 24 months - 5, teen girls and ladies clothes, jackets, and shoes, shoes, shoes size 5 1/2 - 6 1/2. 705 Erie Street - August 7th and 8th. (-5/10)

MANY HOUSEHOLD AND garage items to choose from. 16ft boat, snowmobiles, wood stove, lawn mower, TV, clothing, kids toys and books. Too much to list. August 6 & 7, 9am to ? 6987 West 72, 1/2 mile past Ole Dam. (-5/10)

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PRICED TO GO at this garage sale, 974 Little John, Sherwood Forest. Friday 6, Saturday 7 to 9 to 5. Small appliances, lawn mower, snowblower, pressure canner, sweepers, knick knacks, linens, collectibles, gun rack, snowmobile boots, assortment of good clothing. (-5/10)

HALF PRICE SALE All leftovers from the Lucky Day Sale. August 7 from 9 to 1. Margrethe Blvd to 2600 E. Lakeshore Dr. Follow signs. (-5/10)

GARAGE SALE August 7-8 9am-5pm. Children's clothing, infant to 5T, large stroller, car seats, exersaucer, microwave, kitchen items, indoor and outdoor toys, Nordic Trac, tree stand, 1981 Chevy 4x4 cab - \$50. Stephan Bridge Rd, 2 blocks north of M-72. (-5/10)

224 LAKESHORE DR Higgins Lake near St. Hubert Catholic Church. Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10-? Boyds, gnomes, plates, plush and mohair bears, Christmas, silver and pewter items and much more. (-5/10)

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